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CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have a marvelous, marvelous calendar today with at least four or five points of personal privilege.

Without any further ado, I'm going to ask Legislator Dunne to lead us in the Pledge.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: At this time I have the distinct privilege of asking Legislator Steve Rhoads to step over here onto the platform for a duly deserved ceremonial swearing in. And he will be sworn in today Judge Chris Quinn.

Legislator Rhoads, after you're sworn in, will you do me a favor and tell us who is here as your invited guests?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Absolutely.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much.

JUDGE QUINN: Holding our Bible is mother, Lorraine Rhoads.

Steve, please raise your right hand.

I, state your name.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I, Steven Rhoads.

JUDGE QUINN: Do solemnly swear -

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2 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Do solemnly swear -
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4 of the United States -
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16 duties of the Office of Nassau County Legislator
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LEGISLATOR RHOADS: so help me God.

JUDGE QUINN: Congratulations.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you very much.

I appreciate it.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have to say a couple of words. I think Steve deserves a ceremonial swearing in, even though he was sworn in right after he was elected in March, I think in all due respect. We are very happy that we're able to do it today, Steve.

Now it's your turn to speak. But remember what I said, you know.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: She said keep it short. That was it. Keep it short.

First of all, I want to thank the presiding officer and I want to thank the members of the legislature and tell them how thrilled and honored I am to have the opportunity to serve among you.

For the two months that I've been here so far, I can't thank the presiding officer enough for all the technical assistance and support, as well as my fellow legislators who have given me a tremendous amount of advice. And I particularly

want to thank the Minority Leader Kevan Abrahams and the members of the Minority as I've actually invaded your neighborhood. Thank you very much. You've been absolutely wonderful. And I appreciate the warm welcome.

I want to thank the Supervising Judge of the County Court, a good friend, a long-time friend and an excellent jurist, Christopher Quinn, for doing me the honor of swearing me in. Thank you very much.

I also want to thank my mom, Lorraine, for filling in for my wife, who is nursing a fractured patella and was unable to be here. And I want to thank obviously my wife and I want to thank my mom for their tremendous love and support. I definitely couldn't be here without all of them.

Also with me today is my grandmother, lovely grandmother Francis, 92 years young, and my grandmother Dorothy. Dorothy lives out in Greenport. She was unable to be here today, but I understand that she's watching on the video feed. Very technologically advanced. I also want to welcome my godfather and uncle, Frederick

Michael Alarca, and his lovely wife Jolene for being here as well. Also the former state Assemblyman and former Nassau County Comptroller, Fred Parolla. Also want to recognize Ann DeMichael, who also came down today, as well as Mike Hartafulous, Ray McGuire, Kevin Rolando. Is there anybody I forgot?

I am very honored to be here. The one point that I wanted to make is people did not elect us to -- the people that elected us are not republicans and democrats, they're citizens. They elected us to come here and do a job, and that's to fight for them, fight to provide government at the great quality services at the lowest possible cost, to fight for them, to try and make sure that we hold the line on taxes, to fight for them to create economic opportunity and promote job creation, and to fight for them to preserve our suburban quality of life.

The issues that are facing Nassau County are too great and what's at stake is too important for us not to reach across the aisle and work together to try and create the best Nassau that we can. And for every day that I

have the opportunity to serve - and I use the word service on purpose, because we're all sitting here temporary servants of the people that sent us here. For however long I have the opportunity to serve, I'm going to work every day, with republicans and democrats, to try and make that happen and try and provide the best Nassau we can for the greatest people in the United States of America, the people of the County of Nassau.

So I want to thank you for the tremendous honor. I want to thank my fellow legislators for the opportunity to take a couple of minutes to say a few words. And let's get to work. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Congratulations again, Steve. And thank you for all those who came to celebrate with us today, it's always a pleasure.

Now we have a lot of points of personal privilege. But before we get to the points of personal privilege, we have an event -- I want to keep this moving. There are so many important points of personal privilege today that I don't

want to do any point of personal privilege an
injustice. I want everyone to have the just do
that he or she is deserving of.

An event that we were supposed to have
two months ago - and it looks like March was a
very busy month and we were not able to do all of
the Trailblazer Awards because one, in
particular, was out of the state. In fact, she
was out on the west coast. I'm not going to
indicate who she is. I'm going to leave that to
Legislator Rose Walker. Your turn, Rose.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you, Presiding
Officer.

It's really an honor for me to be able to
introduce my Trailblazer Award winner for 2015.
She has certainly been a very, very longtime
friend, her and her family. I'm going read a
little bit about her and I will present something
to my honoree.

My honoree happens to be Theresa Caputo,
who was born and raised in Hicksville, New York,
where she met and married Larry, her husband of
25 years. She is the proud mother of two
children, Larry and Victoria, and a devoted

daughter to her parents, Nick and Ronnie, who also reside in Hicksville.

Theresa is a *New York Times* best selling author of two books; *There's More to Life than This: Healing Messages, Remarkable Stories, and Insight From the Other Side*, which debuted at number two on the *New York Times Best Seller List*, and *You Can't Make This Stuff Up: Life Changing Lessons From Heaven*.

Considering that she started with just a business card and word of mouth, she often claims to pinch herself when she thinks about what a crazy ride it's been for this typical Long Island mom, as she laughing refers to herself.

Theresa has a unique ability that's brought countless people comfort and joy, helped many people believe in after life, led others to trust their loved ones are safe and at peace, and shown them that those souls are guiding, encouraging, and loving them from the other side. Her wish is for everyone she meets is that they receive a message that brings them the most peace at that moment.

When she's not filming her television

series, Long Island Medium, or touring the country with her life show, Theresa Caputo Live, The Experience, Theresa continues to be an active and vital part of the Hicksville community, attending street fairs, fundraisers, and donating her time and talents to many worthy causes.

Theresa loves to spend her free time with her family and friends who are so very important to her.

I could truly tell you that Theresa is a remarkable woman, not just for what she has become over a period of time, but before that was ever a part of Theresa's life, Theresa was always there making a difference in our community, just as her mom and dad, Ronnie and Nick Brigandi, are. She's been active, very active in all community activities. She always manages to find time to just be Theresa back at home in Hicksville.

I'm proud to introduce my honoree this year, my trailblazer, Theresa Caputo.

It's so special today that we're also honoring our firefighters from Long Beach because Theresa's dad, Nick Brigandi, is a 50 year member

of the Hicksville Fire Department and still very, very active. Theresa, again, God bless. Would you like to say a few words?

MS. CAPUTO: I'd just like to say I want to thank you, Rose, very much because I consider you a very dear friend. I appreciate all of your love and support. But I would not be able to be who I am today without my husband, for all of his love and support, but more important for my parents, because I'm such a good person because I was raised by two beautiful people and I'm very blessed to still have them.

Larry, mom and dad, Courtney and Courtney, I love you guys so much, and thank you for everything.

Just a little sign from heaven. I see today the Coins are in the audience. They unfortunately lost their daughter to melanoma, Collette, many years ago. They have been clients of mine for many, many years. I do feel that there are so many signs from heaven.

God bless you all and thank you very much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I told you that

today would be a very interesting session and that we would have so many marvelous points of personal privilege and it doesn't stop with Theresa Caputo, it goes on.

Every month we have the privilege of recognizing top cops in Nassau County. And without any further ado, today is no different.

I can do this Mr. Carver or you could do it. Would you like to talk about the two top cops?

MR. CARVER: Sure.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sure you do.

MR. CARVER: James Carver, President of Nassau County PBA.

As we know, police work at any time is very dangerous work. And our Nassau County police officers do a great job during some of the most difficult times that we have faced.

Our top cops of the month this month, First Precinct Top Cops John Herman and Neal Burke. On December 30, 2014, both these officers were on patrol within the confines of the First Precinct in Roosevelt. The officers observed a subject in the front of a commercial business,

which is a known drug location, engage in a hand-to-hand transaction with another male during which the subject appeared to receive an unknown amount of US currency for an unknown item. In our world that's a drug transaction going on. And these two officers are very good at what they do.

After following the subject for a short time and observing the subject dropping a clear plastic bag containing what is believed to be crack cocaine, the subject was placed under arrest. While conducting a lawful search of the subject, the subject was found to have a 380 caliber handgun which was not licensed, an illegal gun. In addition, the subject was in possession of the crack cocaine, marijuana, and PCP.

The story really doesn't end there. These police officers have worked that post in that area for a long time. Although they were involved in every arrest, the subject, this time, this was the fourth time he was arrested for possession of a gun. Now, for people who think it doesn't happen in Nassau County, not only does

it happen but one individual four times in a seven or eight year period has been arrested for possession of a gun. The question really comes out to why is this individual allowed on the street to continue infesting our neighborhoods with drugs and for guns; I guess that's for the court to decide. Thank God we have police officers like Officers Herman and Burke that, no matter what, continue to do their job day in and day out and do it knowing that this subject possibly could have a gun on him.

Again, that's why they are the top cops that we bring to you for May 2015.

Thank you very much for all the work that you guys do keeping all of us safe every day.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm coming down. I would be remiss if I didn't present to the two officers a citation on behalf of the Nassau County Legislature. So I'm coming down to you. Anyone who wants to join us, please do.

Legislator Denise Ford, your point of personal privilege.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Good morning

everybody. Good afternoon. Oh boy. It has been an exciting day so far. I have more exciting news.

Today I'm honoring members of our Long Beach Fire Department. But first I'd like to make a quick introduction about the firefighters from Long Beach who we are honoring today.

They consistently go above and beyond with the quality of fire, rescue, and EMS they deliver in Long Beach. The combination of the career and volunteers of the Long Beach Fire Department have been a working model of great public safety for over 100 years. Today we are awarding these cross-trained fire fighters for exemplary emergency medical care on two specific occasions, that without their quick and high-quality work would have been deadly.

They have been recognized in the past for their quality medical care. Recently, in 2013, they were awarded by New York State Department of Health's Commissioners Award of Excellence.

All of Long Beach's career fire fighters are cross-trained as advanced life support technicians and paramedics. Because they are

cross-trained, it has helped them tackle these two high stress events. Specifically, on these two occasions, the fact that members operated on both a fire engine and ambulance made the difference. Without a doubt, having five cross-trained responders arrive immediately had a great impact on the outcomes. We applaud both the volunteer members of our Long Beach Fire Department for once again doing a great job protecting our community.

I did have a conversation this morning with Chief Tucillo, who sends his best regards to all of you on getting these citations, and I know Former-Chief Richie Corbett would be as equally proud of all of you as well.

On the two occasions - on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, one of the 20 calls that the department responded to was for two unresponsive males in a private residence. All five fire fighters, advanced life support personnel, of the engine company that is comprised of Ambulance 2319 and Engine 2343 were dispatched and responded.

Upon arrival, fire fighters immediately

recognized the active overdose situation, finding two males unresponsive and not breathing. Fire fighters initiated treatment, including the intravenous administration of opiate antidote narloxican, which is NARCAN, an artificial ventilation to provide oxygen to vital organs.

Members continued treatment securing additional ALS interventions. One individual was revived and became conscious at the scene. The second individual remained unconscious and moved to the emergency room. An additional ambulance for the transfer of care and transportation of the conscious patient was provided by the Long Beach Fire Department volunteer fire fighters.

Both patients were transferred to South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside by Long Beach Fire Department ambulances. Without the rapid treatment by multiple advanced life support technicians, proper patient care would not have been achieved, possibly leading to the death, if not both, of the patients.

The efforts set forth by the initial response career fire fighters, ALS personnel and the members of the volunteer corps were seamless.

This was a bad situation that fortunately had a good outcome.

Nurses in the emergency department noted that there had been an influx of overdose patients in the last day and there may have been an unusually batch of heroin present on the streets.

The fire fighters that are being recognized today for that event, not all of them are here, but those that are, when I call your name can you please stand?

Lieutenant EME CC Bryan Pews. Lieutenant EMT CC William Piazza. Lieutenant Fire Fighter EMT CC Daniel Frazier. Fire Fighter EMT CC Brian Jones. Fire Fighter Paramedic Chris Cull. Paramedic David Wolf. Fire Fighter John Marino. Fire Fighter EMT Chris Mazziotti. Fire Fighter Richard Shoe. Fire Fighter Richard Costigan.

Thank you. It doesn't end there. Bravery really runs rampant through this department.

On 4/10/15 at approximately 2200 hours, Engine 2343 was heading south on Long Beach Road, returning to quarters from a fire call and heard

a loud blast. Moments later a man ran in front of Engine 2344 on Long Beach Road. Fire Fighter Marino of Engine 2344 notified dispatch they had a gunshot victim. Engine 2343 made a u-turn on Long Beach Road and found Fire Fighter Santana and Fire Fighter Marino standing by the patient in the room. Engine 2343 members, Lieutenant Robson, Lieutenant Piazza, and Fire Fighter Cull initiated patient care. The patient was lying on the street and spitting up blood.

Neck and spine immobilization was immediately administered. The patient's shirt was cut off revealing birdshot pellets to his left side from his arm to chest and leg area.

Ambulance 2319 arrived with Fire Fighter Abrahamson and Fire Fighter Recovery. They assisted the members of 2343 with patient care. Oxygen was administered to the patient and direct pressure applied to wounds. To large IVs were administered with fluids and the patient was transported by 2319 to South Nassau Communities Hospital. During transport blood was suctioned from the patient's mouth to help facilitate breathing.

Medical control was notified and a trauma team was requested. During transport the patient's left lung sounds diminished and tracheal deviation was identified. Fire Fighters Cull and Ecoverly suspected the patient had a hemothorax, a rupture of the membrane of the lung that allows blood into the plural space and prevents the affected lung from expanding. They performed a needle decompression which provided immediate relief and improved breathing. The patient's wounds were monitored until arrival at the hospital.

I believe the immediate actions by fire fighters at the scene and the advanced life support provided by the personnel on Ambulance 2319 significantly improved this patient's condition and indeed saved his life.

The fire fighters that are being recognized for that lifesaving events are Lieutenant Robson, Lieutenant William Piazza, Fire Fighter Brian Abrahamson -- I'm sorry -- Fire Fighter Christopher Cull -- I keep saying your name wrong, I'm sorry -- Fire Fighter Steve Eckevery, Fire Fighter John Marino, and Fire

Fighter Jonathan Santana, and Fire Fighter John Costigan.

I'll be down to give citations.

I just want to note that throughout our communities, especially in Nassau County, we are blessed to have some of the best, if not the best, fire fighters. We, in the City of Long Beach, are blessed with both our volunteers and our professional fire fighters as well. We've always delivered the best care. They are members of our community. They know all of us. I think a lot of times they don't even have to know the address; if they just say your name, they could drive right to my house and know exactly where I live and I think that goes with almost everywhere, with the years and the time they have spent.

We all know the dangers that they face with our emergency responders, whether it's the police or the fire fighters. When we honor them, we honor them from the heart because we know that all of you are willing to put your lives on the line for our protection and it should always be noted. Thank you very much, and God bless all of

you. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'd like to just let you know that yesterday I had the honor of going to an EMS award ceremony at the East Meadow Fire Department. Many of the saves that were made by the awardees were really and truly commendable. And so we owe a great deal to our fire fighters, and you in particular here today because without you I don't know what Nassau County would do. So I say thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I'm sure everyone up here says the same.

God bless you and stay safe, that's the key.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Anthony, did you want to come up and say a few words?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: By the way, we have a fire fighter up here, am I right? Steve, are we right?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That is correct.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Would you please tell us who you are in the fire department?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Sure. I'm a 23 year member of the Wantagh Fire Department and a nine

term line officer of Engine and Rescue Company 5.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And the rank of?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Captain.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. So there we are.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thanks.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: I think Steve is the fire volunteer fire fighter, if I'm not mistaken, we've ever had on the legislature.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't believe we have. Oh, yes, that's right.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have two more points of personal privilege and they are truly special as well. Like I said to you earlier, today is a very, very unusual day but I think it's something that makes those of us who live in Nassau County extremely proud. So I'm going to move on with the points of personal privilege. I hope this individual is here, I don't know if she is.

I have a young lady, a 17 year old, makes the fire ever charge from an Orthodox Yeshiva to West Point. Racquel David, 17, of North Shore Hebrew Academy High School was accepted at other

colleges but chose, chose West Point because she was enthralled by generals in shaping history. Is Racquel here? She better be here. I'll be -- come on up, Racquel.

When Racquel David applied for admission to the Yeshiva High School here her interviewer wrote in his notes: This girl is going to be a general in the Army some day. Wow. That was truly reading your mind, Racquel. Four years later that prediction is still on track. Ms. David has accepted an offer of admission to West Point which would, according to the Military Academy officials, make her the only graduate of an Orthodox Yeshiva, male or female, to attend West Point in its 213 year history.

I told you today was a very, very unusual day and it surely is.

Ms. David was accepted to other top colleges, including Wesley, but chose West Point, she said, because growing up she was enthralled by the role of generals like Grant and Eisenhower, both West Point alumni, in shaping American history, Golda Meir, she wasn't in the Army but she was powerful in shaping the history

of Israel, the other country she is devoted to.

Racquel, you are truly amazing. And when you said you wanted to be a general, you are headed in that direction. I say congratulations, and I know one day you are going to come back and tell us you made the general.

Would you like to say something, Racquel?

MS. DAVID: Thank you very much, members of the legislature. I am very excited to serve my country. And I'm very excited to go to West Point.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I would be excited too, Racquel. It's quite an accomplishment, it truly is. Somebody was listening to you, maybe it's a higher power. Whoever it was, I think you certainly have made a good decision. But you had the calling as well. I say to you, on behalf of all of us, congratulations, success, and all good things that happen to you. And I have a citation on behalf of the legislature for you.

I don't think we're ever going to be able to repeat what we've done here today. But you know what? Whatever the case may be. Whatever

we do when we have points of personal privilege,
it's all a good thing.

Again, Racquel, God bless you. And make
sure you come back and tell us, we want to know.

Now I would like to call on my colleague,
Legislature Curran, who has her point of personal
privilege. I think it's a woman's day today.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you very much,
Madam Presiding Officer.

I'd like to introduce everyone to Daria
Rose, who lives in Baldwin. It's an interesting
story that she has.

At the beginning of her sophomore year,
Daria, who lives in Baldwin Harbor, her house was
-- she had to evacuate because of Sandy. It
flooded and then it burnt. It's almost biblical,
the floods and the fires.

Daria's family had to move from hotel to
hotel, spent time at her grandmother's house.
Her grandmother Catherine is here. But, she
didn't wallow in self pity. She learned, as she
put it, stuff is just stuff. What is important
is your health, education, and your family.

Daria found herself living in small,

cramped shared spaces but was able to escape mentally into the world of books, the expansive and expanding world of books. That clearly paid off. She applied to seven of the eight Ivy Leagues - Harvard, Princeton, Yale, U-Penn, Dartmouth, Cornell and Brown - and decided just, on May 1, to go to Harvard and is going to science political science and Russian literature, right? Which is coincidentally what I studied in college, very, very interesting.

Daria, you make Baldwin proud. And I'm delighted that you came to let us share your story.

Oh, and she's joined by her mother, Katrina, and her father Desmond as well.

MS. ROSE: I'd just like to say thank you to the County Legislature for this honor. And I'd like to thank my parents and my grandmother for their support throughout this process.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: I forgot to mention that Daria is a Sacred Heart student, Sacred Heart Academy just down the street.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I think the

message here is never say never. We can all achieve what we set our minds and hearts to.

Daria, congratulations and good luck at Harvard; I was hoping you would have said Yale, but that's okay. And Racquel, good luck to you as well. Make sure you come back and tell us how you're doing, that goes for you too, Daria; don't forget us.

I'm going to ask -- I believe that ends the points of personal privilege.

Bill, please call the roll.

CLERK MULLER: Deputy Presiding Officer Nicolello?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Present.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford? She's here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Curran?

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Becker?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Muscarella?

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Birnbaum?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-
Whitton?

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Mackenzie?

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Minority Leader Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

CLERK MULLER: Presiding Officer
Gonsalves?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Now we
begin the public participation part of our
program. I know I have a number of speakers.
But I'm going to begin with Collette Coyne, who
I've known for many years and so has my dear
friend Legislator Jacobs, who will tell us a
little bit about what's coming up on May 31 and
why it's coming up.

MS. COYNE: Thank you. Thank you for
the opportunity to speak with you this afternoon.
Yes, we do have a walk coming up the end of May
to allow people who have lost someone to melanoma
skin cancer to come together for support and also
those young people who are fighting the disease.

I would like to say congratulations to
all the important people who were here today that
spoke before me.

The last time I was here, about ten years

ago, Nassau County took the lead in calling for UV protection of our teenagers in restricting tanning bed use. That was a non-partisan effort, because obviously this is a non-partisan subject. Suffolk County followed shortly after that and then New York State was the first in the country to ever pass a bill restricting tanning bed use, and I look forward to that bill being strengthened because we see it's not strong enough yet.

Melanoma skin cancer is the number one cancer for 25 to 29 year olds and it is the second most common cancer for 15 to 29 year olds. It's not an old person's disease.

I brought a poster of a young girl diagnosed at 11, lost her battle at 15, a great soccer player.

In the last few years we've had a lot of breakthroughs in treatment; however, that treatment one needs to be a warrior to undergo it. But the best cure we know is prevention.

The disease continues to grow in numbers. In my day, a long time ago, it was one in 1500 got melanoma skin cancer. When we created the

foundation in 1999 it was one in 75. Well, the Academy of Dermatology and the American Cancer Society tells us that today one in 50 individuals will get melanoma in their lifetime. This is a disease, if not caught early, will take your life within a year or two.

Someone dies hourly from melanoma. Basal cell and squamous cell, which probably some of you may be familiar with, is non-life threatening; however, it is scaring and disfiguring and the cost of treatment is 8.1 billion health care dollar, a lot of money to go to something that can be prevented, unlike many other cancers.

It's a given that one in five will get some sort of skin cancer; that's across the board, including people of color. It's one in three Caucasians will definitely get a skin cancer in their lifetime. Contrary to popular belief, sun screen alone is not enough to protect us. We need shade. We need hats. We need sunglasses.

Another myth is that fair skinned individuals need only to be concerned. The

1 reality is anyone can get melanoma. There are
2 many risk factor and there is a genetic component
3 to it. Bob Marley, the famous musician,
4 Jamaican, died from melanoma. African American
5 statistics are 20 percent less than Caucasians;
6 however, their mortality rate is higher because
7 of a later discovery, a later diagnosis. So this
8 is a disease that we all must be aware of.
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10 The Surgeon General of the United States
11 issued a call to action last July because of the
12 threat, this growing threat in our nation. Ed
13 Mangano has highlighted the issue of skin cancer,
14 melanoma every may on Melanoma Monday.

15 So why am I here? I'm here because I
16 need your help. Our athletic fields throughout
17 the community are without shade covering. CMAC
18 isn't a foundation, unlike many others that have
19 corporate support and deep pockets. I always
20 smile and say we're a mom and pop operation. But
21 we are part of the National Council for Skin
22 Cancer Prevention and I happen to know, I think
23 we're doing a lot more than some of these other
24 foundations. Our focus is education in our
25 schools which, for the past 16 years, we've been

doing along with some dedicated volunteers, also screenings at our Long Island beaches. For the last ten years we've screened thousands. The statistics remain the same every year, a third have to be referred to their local dermatologists for follow up.

I'm asking each of you to take the message of sun safety to your constituents, to your local towns and municipalities, to spearhead the endeavor to build dugouts on baseball fields and to provide shade for our youth. This I ask in response to the Surgeon General's call to action.

Sun exposure in our youth determines the risk later in life. Our daughter wasn't a sun worshiper. Of our five children, she was probably the most careful, but she did have two sunburns, one when we took her to Florida, and another, she remembered, as a teenager. The doctor at Sloan Kettering said that was enough to trigger her melanoma at 29. She passed five and a half months after that. I have, at this point - I didn't expect to get emotional. I have, at this point, accepted that that was perhaps

Collette's destiny and we are to do what we do.

Thanks to the National Council there is more media coverage and more and more VIPs are getting skin cancer so it's being heard about on the television. But I come here to say to you that it is up to you to alarm our grassroots community. This is something where you can really connect with your local folks and you can make a profound contribution to their well being.

I received a card recently from my own representatives in my district and I also received a brochure from the town of all the great things that were going on. What would it take to put one or two lines to alert your constituents remember to protect yourself from UV rays?

Children should be wearing sunscreen all year round, just as they brush their teeth in the morning. They should be protected from UV rays throughout every season of the year.

I can think of a huge field in my own community, Tele Pool Complex, a wide open field, not a bit of shade covering on it. Speaking of pools brings up another pet peeve of mine. How

safe are our lifeguards in our local community pools, county and town pools? While they may be given umbrellas, many choose not to use them. And when I've asked about this, I usually the answer of, oh, yeah, we get them but we like to get a tan. Well, my thought is fine, get your tan on your own time. Lifeguards are role models for our little people. And if one works for the county or the town they should adhere to certain safety rules. OSHA demands safety in the workplace, and we now know that the sun is a carcinogen.

None of what I have shared with you or asked of you is costly and you can make it happen. Each and every one of you can make the difference.

The one thing after Collette passed someone said to me are you mad at God? I said no. But I am mad at the people out there, the people that are supposed to tell us about those things. And you know what? You are the people out there. You are the voice in your community that people will listen to.

We used to have a great proponent in the

senate, Chuck Fuscillo; unfortunately he has moved. And we lost Harvey Weisenberg. So I'm coming to you for your help. You can make the difference.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Collette. I believe Legislator Jacobs would like to say something to you.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Collette, you don't have to stand up again. I just want everyone to understand something about this woman. She came to see me many, many years ago, when I was presiding officer here. Actually, Norma Gonsalves and Diane Yatauro at the time joined together and we started really understanding what all of us thought was just great when we had a tan or just great when someone got red from too much sun. We started to realize what tanning beds are all about. She has been a force.

I've been when her when she speaks with children. She has certain presentations she makes that are geared for children, to hear other children talking about it, telling them what they can do, wearing hats, really watching. They even

have shirts now for children. Many of you are very young here, you know about that. I didn't know about that for my children. But I see my grandchildren wearing them now. They're sun shirts where the rays cannot penetrate. It's not that you don't want children to outside playing.

I even need more education and I speak to Collette all the time and I'm with her as often as I can be. It is such -- it's called Be Sun Smart and it applies to all of us. Sun knows no color of skin. You could be fair with blonde hair, you could be dark with dark skin, it doesn't matter. It penetrates the level of our skin and it kills.

For a woman like Collette and a man like Mr. Coyne to devote their lives to informing all of us as to what we should do as leaders and what we can do for and with our community, about gathering information. At every ball field we all go and say hello to people at the dugout. It doesn't mean we're dugout. It's not like the big leagues where it's down below. It's on the field. So there are very reasonable ways we could put a cover over those dugouts, which I

know, Norma, your district has done. They don't cost that much. So when we have community revitalization project money, this is something that's very good. If Collette could give us more information, which I know she's working on, as to cost factors, etcetera.

I know we have a lot of different places where we have ball fields. If we can't do all of them at once, at least if we could do some of them. These are things we have in our power to do. I definitely am joining with you in that.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Once again, thank you Collette for coming and letting us know more and more about the terrible, terrible disease. And I will tell you this. I've already asked my colleagues to take a look at the ball fields in their districts, where they can use the cover over the dugouts. And we could use, as we said at the melanoma press conference, we could use CRP monies to do that.

We will listen and we will certainly do whatever we can, Collette, to make it a lot safer for our young people.

Thank you again for your efforts. Thank you, Mr. Coyne, for your support. I truly, truly know that everyone thinks that the sun cannot harm. As you said, Collette, it makes no difference what color the skin is, the sun penetrates.

Without any further ado, thank you again, Collette. Remember, May 31 is the walk in the park, I believe, and I believe it's Field 6, if I'm not mistaken. Join them on that day. You may as well announce it. I held the poster up.

MS. COYNE: It's Field 2 --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Field 2, I'm sorry.

MS. COYNE: all of the participants can avail themselves of a free skin cancer screening. North Shore LIJ is doing free screenings. Many people come just to run, they're not connected with melanoma families, and the runners are at a high risk. Come and certainly bring your grandchildren. We focus on young people, that's where it begins. We've already damaged our skin.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Collette.

Now I know we have with us -- the next speaker is Mr. Carver from the PBA.

I have several speakers and I'm going to try to get to as many as I can.

Mr. Carver.

MR. CARVER: I won't take too much of your time. But thank you for allowing me to speak here today.

Over the past several years the department has been downsized to critically low levels. I know they've hired some classes over the past year but they are still, with all of this hiring, having a difficult time keeping up with attrition. In addition to that, there have been some actions that have been taken by the Acting Commissioner Krumpter over the last couple of years that deal with some issues, and the union, I think everybody's been very patient during this time. However, there are some things that seem to be broken promises.

If you remember about a year ago, POP cops, which are very vital to each one of you legislators, were taken away from each of you as a tool to be able to communicate with the police

department and bring them to your community meetings and discuss the issues. Norma, you love your POP cops and I know everybody else up there love the POP cops. To date, there are no POP cops. They were told that they would be brought back when the academy graduated. Well, a class graduated last November, another one just graduated this Friday and still no POP cops.

Training issues which are ongoing. I know Legislator Ford just honored Long Beach firemen for their efforts in saving people. They were cross-trained as paramedics and what not. As everybody knows, Nassau County, the volunteer services, has been with hit with a lack of enough qualified medically trained volunteers due to the fact of them working second jobs and it takes a long time to be recertified. This police department, when I came on the job we were all certified as EMTs and we had to go for recertification every three years. The state changed its laws and now it's called CFR, certified fire responders. Although the current graduates had that certification, most of our members that have been here more than three years

have seen their certification expire. Again, the service to the public is going down.

As many of you know, we are the first ones to respond. The ambulance is usually right behind us, not that far behind us. There is only one paramedic or AMT on board that ambulance. Having said that, you are now -- the commissioner has now eliminated ambulance posts throughout the county. There have been some up in the Sixth Precinct, or what's formerly called the Sixth and it's called the Third North, and the Eighth Precinct, which is the Second South. There have been a total of three ambulances that have been eliminated, I guess to save overtime. However, the ambulance is there and the AMTs are there to save lives not to prevent overtime. Again, that's an issue that needs to be addressed.

In-service training. We all talk about training. Again, we've stood by over the last few years. Training is almost nonexistent right now because of manpower, the levels are low. Training, if anybody thinks that the training is going to happen tomorrow, it's not going to happen tomorrow.

They will tell you that the supervisors, the frontline supervisors train the police officers at work. Well, they only get them for 20 minutes. You can't train somebody in 20 minutes, what used to be done over a three day course over in the police academy, updating everybody with the current laws, current techniques that are going on. Ladies and gentlemen, we all know we're living in a different world right now. I know some people have gone through the civilian police academy. There are issues that can be brought up to our police officers. Like anything else, you're on the street for 20 years, 15 years, the further you get away from training and being retrained, you're thinking the old way. I think it's very imperative in any organization, no matter whether you're in private industry or whether you're in a paramilitary organization or whether you're in the military, training is vital to success. In spite of the lack of training, our men and women do a tremendous job out there day in and day out.

Talk about cameras. I'm not going to get into body cameras today, but I will tell you

1 this. If they are that important -- we've had
2 police officers on the Long Island Expressway
3 that, while doing a car stop, have been struck
4 and injured and we haven't been able to get the
5 subject who fled the scene because although there
6 are cameras on the Long Island Expressway -- and,
7 yes, Nassau County has the authority to control
8 them -- they have not been recorded.

10 This isn't the first day I've come here
11 to speak to anyone about this. I've talked to
12 county officials about this. I've talked to the
13 acting commissioner about this and individually
14 to a lot of legislators about this stuff. I know
15 most of the legislature is on board with what I'm
16 talking about. We need to have more training.
17 We need to have our police officers trained to a
18 good ability. We need to have them recertified
19 as certified first responders, because that's the
20 community we live in.

21 In addition, we've talked about this. I
22 think once you started the point of interest with
23 our top cops, heroin. Heroin use is through the
24 roof here, not just in Nassau County but on Long
25 Island. However, years ago, if you remember we

used to have a DARE program. We used to have different programs. POP cops used to go into the schools and talk to the kids about the evil of doing drugs. No POP cops right now, you have nobody going in doing those lectures. Even then the lectures weren't really being kept up to pace. Now, as I think the woman spoke before about melanoma, the earlier you can get to something the better. We are allowing a whole generation go through school systems without ever knowing the dangers of drugs and having a police officer go in there and describe what the dangers are. We see it every day with overdoses.

Even though we have this NARCAN now, what we're seeing out there is our police officers are telling us that these kids think it's a game. How many times can you be saved? It's dangerous out there, what's going on. They're playing Russian roulette and one of these days they're going to become a victim.

Again, there's a lot of stuff that's going on here. We have a lot of priorities we need to address. I'm just here to put it on the record and let everybody know what's been going

on out there.

Again, it starts with promises that were made during downsizing. We all had to bite the bullet, so to speak, for a long time, but we were made promises that these things would return.

When I talk about CFR training, our marine bureau -- and we do live on an island, although sometimes I think some people and the higher ups don't believe we live on an island -- they are not certified first responders. For anybody that's been on a boat in this community, and you want to have help and the marine bureau is out there, when they're out there, and if they can't render the aid to you, what good is it?

Helicopters. We have -- since all these retirements, we have less pilots right now. This is a department that, through retirements, is reeling and we need help. That's what we're here for, to open the discussions.

I know, Presiding Officer, we have sat down a few times and we will continue to sit down and tree to discuss these issues. They're real issues and they need to be addressed. And the promises that were made need to be upheld. And I

think that's part of all our jobs, to make sure that the commissioner puts the POP cops back like he said he was going to do. They're long overdue. Put some of these other units back to where they should be and start educating these children in our schools so we don't lose anybody else. That's what I'm here for today.

If you don't have any questions. Norma, I know we'll be talking. I thank you for your time.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Mr. Carver.

Kerry Thomas.

MR. THOMAS: Good afternoon. My name is Kerry Thomas, and I'm here to support Long Island Transgender Advocacy Coalition and to ask that the Nassau County Legislature specifically include transgendered people in their Human Rights Law.

This is about doing the right thing. Directly recognizing the rights of the trans community is important because our community faces discrimination and prejudice. Make the message clear and specifically protect

transgender people under the law.

Human right laws are meant to protect vulnerable populations. These laws are necessary for a free, just, and equal society. Nassau County has a Human Rights Law without mention of trans people and this a problem because our society doesn't fully recognize the existence of trans people like me.

Nassau County do the right thing.

I don't know if I'm protected under the Human Rights Law of Nassau County. I know that there is a Federal Title 9 Law that protects on the basis of gender discrimination, and I know that courts across America have not necessarily interpreted this as extending protections to trans people. It needs to be specific.

Say the word. Be clear. Say transgender in the Human Rights Law of Nassau County.

I just want to say I always support those who come out and speak on this issue. I can't always make it because I work full time. I hold two college degrees and I'm also a current full-time graduate student. So I'm a contributing member of society. I'm also a survivor. I'm a

trans male, which means that I was assigned female at birth and in my youth I faced hostility that nearly cost me my life. A lack of acceptance, harassment at school and work, lack of access to appropriate health care and so on.

I'm here today to advocate for the trans community so that our youth can have a better future, to know that they are loved and accepted for who they are, so that they can go to school and work in a climate that respects them so they do not feel that they have to turn to substances or suicide, so that they can do more than just survive in a trans-phobic world, but so that they can thrive in an accepting world. Please do the right thing and make the message clear. Say the word transgender in the Human Rights Law. Let it be heard.

At this point in our history of decades long struggle for social justice, all we are asking you to do is say the word. We are simply asking for validation of the fact that we exist, the fact that we deserve dignity and equal rights under the law. So please do the right thing.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much, Kerry.

Legislator Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Hi. Thank you for coming down and speaking so beautifully on the subject. There's been a law in the clerk's office for five years now.

I was presiding officer during the time the Human Rights Law was adopted. There was no intent on anyone's part to ever leave out any segment of the population. It was totally inadvertent that we didn't realize that a simple definition of gender would have closed the questionable gap. I didn't realize that that had happened in Suffolk. I didn't realize that it had happened throughout the state and other counties. It can be easily done here. And that's all the law says, is to put in the definition; so, thereby, everybody would be protected.

I understand there's a difference of opinion up here; where some people feel that our law was so comprehensive - I don't know if you've ever read it - but it's so comprehensive.

Certainly, our goal at the time, there's only a few of us who are here for 20 years. But the goal at the time was to cover everybody. Until Joanne Borden, who has not given up, every other week at a time for years came down. To be honest with you, none of us realized that that definition would have, just being part of the entire law, would have brought the issue to a close. It wouldn't have mattered. The protection would have been there.

I am not certain, deep in my heart, that any kind of discrimination against anybody would be allowed and would be welcomed in any place. If you feel there isn't that protection -- Joanne has been very strong and extremely vocal adept at making everybody realize at what's going on.

I could tell you that I've done everything as a legislator and as a presiding officer -- no, not true, I was no longer presiding officer -- to make this part of it. I will not give up. I will file it every time it runs out, because every two years you have to re-file and every two years I re-file it. It's a simple, simple law. I don't give up. I believe

at some point this will become part of our original law.

Thank you for coming down.

MR. THOMAS: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Kerry.
Barbara Salva.

MS. SALVA: Yes. Good afternoon everyone. I'm not here on behalf of LITAC like I usually am. I'm here on my own behalf.

This morning I cried. Actually, I cry nearly every morning because of what this country is doing in my community. There's not a day that goes by that there's not a republican lawmaker or a person that doesn't show their bigotry, their hatred, and absolutely no respect for me or the trans community.

I should be used to it now because it's in my own family. There is not a single person in my family that accepts me for who I am. No one. One of my sons hasn't spoken to me in nearly five years, nor have I seen my grandchildren, his kids, in that same time. But I had to come out for my own survival. As I've told you many times, this is no joke. I didn't

decide to be trans. No one does. I can't tell you how many times I've yelled, screamed, and argued with God himself, asking him why did he do this to me. Why did he not make me a complete male or female, mind and body? I asked him why he didn't complete the job by giving me the support I needed in my own family, the family I would die for, but would not live for. Sadly, I found there's no unconditional love in my family.

The good Lord, however, did make me -- did give me the will to fight and never give up. And believe me, I won't. He made me strong that way. Unfortunately there are some not so lucky. Some never make it through their journey because they cut themselves short. They never find the door of the black box that society puts them in. The bullying at school. The ridicule that we get in public for being who we are. No one deserves that. No one deserves to live in fear in their own neighborhood, going to a store, restaurant, visiting a doctor or a hospital. No one should fear getting thrown out of their apartment or being fired from their job because they're transgender.

All of you have protections. The African American, the minorities, the women on this legislative body have protections actually spelled out in the anti-discrimination laws of Nassau County. You fought for those protections because at one point you didn't have them. If any black person, Latino or woman were denied anything because you were black, Latino, or a woman or any minority, except the trans community, the lawsuits would be flying, and I guarantee you, you would win. Case and point. A couple of years ago a not so feminine looking woman was asked to leave a well known restaurant in New York City because she used the ladies room, with management thinking that this is a trans woman, even after she showed that she was in fact a female. She sued the restaurant and she won. \$35,000 in damages and \$15,000 in court fees were paid by the restaurant. Why? Because New York City has protections for women as well as trans gender individuals. The trans community has no such protections here in Nassau County. This is why we need you, the legislative body of Nassau County, to amend the law to include

transgender individuals such as myself and countless others.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's easy. We already have the language. It's just an amendment of the existing law and it's done. Trust me. The sky will not fall and life as we know it will continue. So what are you doing? When are you going to start responsible and take care of your transgender citizens of this county? When are you going to do the right thing? What's it going to take to move you? You sit there, probably you're not even listening to Joanne and myself and now Kerry in what we have to say. I ask you, are we your comedy act of the month?

It's time, ladies and gentlemen. It's time to show your leadership and make the amendment to the anti-discrimination law now on the books in Nassau County. It's time. It's actually beyond time. I am waiting. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Barbara.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding Officer?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Solages.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you. Thank you, Barbara, for being here today. I respect what you're fighting for, and I agree with every statement that you made. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to please do the right thing.

This is very important to many communities beyond the trans community. I think that if one community faces less discrimination that's less discrimination for all of us.

I commend you for being here. I look forward to participating. I encourage my colleagues to participate in the parade coming very soon. I encourage for us to start a petition, for us to really make this a public issue, for this to be a very visible issue.

Again, thank you for coming down today. I will continue to march on with you. Thank you.

MS. SALVA: Thank you, representative. And I invite all the republican legislators to join us next month at the march and rally here in front of this building.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Joanne Borden.

MS. BORDEN: Good afternoon. Some people may believe transgender people wear the clothes of the other gender for some thrill. But it must be more than that because transgender life is not an easy one. We expose ourselves to being ostracized, being beaten and even being killed. We consistently fear -- and that's a key word. We fear being fired from our job. We fear being evicted from our apartment. We fear being refused service in a restaurant. We even fear being refused medical services. It must be more than a frivolous trip because our life is not easy and we are not masochists nor are we stupid. Something inside us forces us to express our inner, our true gender.

After 50 speeches here with the same request and the same answer you might think I'm not of sound mind because each time I speak I expect a different answer. But persistence is not indicative of a deranged mind. I persist because most transgender people cannot risk exposure and the subsequent discrimination of the law as is. The need to express our inner gender is so powerful a need that it must be something

God gave us internally because it relentless drives us to express the gender inside us.

Transgenderism occurred in every culture on every continent, even on isolate islands throughout the ages. No one could reach all those places throughout history except God. I truly believe God says somehow or someday we must express the gender he gave us.

Again, I ask you to simply define gender so we are not dependent on a favorably and proven unlikely interpretation of the law. This is my fiftieth request, a golden anniversary speech, so to speak. It is time for you to remember the golden rule. I don't know how you live ignoring the golden rule when you have so much power and it takes so little effort to relieve so much suffering from so many fearful people.

It is time for you to join all our neighbors and join the 21st Century. It's your time to open the door of our human rights law a tiny bit, a tiny, tiny, tiny fraction, a tiny crack and let a definition of gender include us in the law, include me in the law, and remove the fear and let people know that being transgender

is legitimate and God given so that people will respect us. Whether we're abused in this county or not, at least people will know what is morally right in Nassau County.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Joanne.

I know we've gone over the 30 minutes but I'm going to entertain one or two additional speakers, but let me say this to you. Our calendar, for the most part, is a consent calendar and we will be able to come back and complete the public participation.

I have Elaine McGrowder. Is that right? Is there someone here from Freeport. I'm going to say to you, Elaine, that you'll probably be the last until we complete the calendar. So please step forward, Elaine.

MS. MCGROWDER: Honorable Presiding Officer --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good afternoon, Elaine.

MS. MCGROWDER: Presiding Officer, legislators, it is truly an honor to be here this

afternoon and in this very historical part of Nassau County.

For more than a decade, Nassau County has been helping to keep our oldest citizens happy in recognizing their incredible lives. This has been done in the form of citations and commendations, some of which have gone as far as the United Kingdom and parts of the Caribbean. Today there are seven people worldwide who were born during the Victorian Era, these are people who are age 110-plus, and they are all women. The interesting thing about these seven individuals is that the oldest three were born in 1899, which is the year Nassau County was incorporated. So it seems quite fitting to be here today to say thank you, Nassau County, for all your support for these incredible individuals.

In particular, I would like to, in his absence, thank the Nassau County Executive, Legislator Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader, Legislator Denise Ford, and this goes back many years, Legislator Ford. Thank you all so very, very much.

As part of the bigger picture, I would also like to mention the Hempstead Town Board, if you don't mind. We've had support from Supervisor Kate Murray as well as Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby - she's been absolutely wonderful -- not to mention all mayors, my particular mayor, Robert Kennedy, in Freeport.

We've all been reading about Nepal. We still have memories of Haiti and all these other places where so many of our elders are suffering. Well, everyone is suffering. But if you can just imagine if you're an elderly person and there's a disaster there is not always enough help to get you to safe ground. Just picture what is happening at this time in Nepal, all these very elderly people who are left in the rubble. So the kindness and support you are offering is so much appreciated.

I'm pleased to be here today because tomorrow is a very, very special day for a centenarian, super centenarian in Florida. Her name is Antonia Rivera. She's going to be 115. She was born -- she's a resident of Miami but she was born in Puerto Rico in 1900. As you know, at

this time in 1898 war was raging in Spain following the disaster of the USS Maine. When the USS Maine was blown up on the 15th of February, that sort of predated the war. So right now, well, at this time in 1899, if you can just imagine, there was war raging. Mrs. Rivera has links with, you know, with the war and brings back all these memories and all the people who have suffered. We think at this particular time we are remembering the World War I veterans, all the people we've lost. So this is an incredible year for all of us.

Later on this week, on the 23rd of May we will be remembering or celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Geraldine Tulley. She lives just outside Michigan, a place called Ingster. She's going to be 116. All these incredible people have endured such hardships. They've lived at a time when life was really harsh. They are real survivors.

CLERK MULLER: Your three minutes have expired, ma'am.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead, Elaine.

MS. MCGROWDER: So thank you so much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Elaine, you don't

know how heartfelt we are with your presentation here today. It's so hard for us sitting up here that anyone has been able to survive to 115 and 116 and still remember what went on in their early lives. Thank you for sharing that with us today. I really and truly say thank you.

MS. MCGROWDER: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Denise would like to say something to you.

Elaine, thank you very much. I commend you for bringing to us these remarkable women and remembering who they are and making sure that we remember that these women -- I cannot imagine 115, 116. I'm so amazed that we have, in Long Beach, Sylvia, I think she's 105. Actually, she's a youngster compared to some of these other women. To see how she is still able to do different things. She's limited, but to me it's awe inspiring. And you hear the life that she lived through, during the Great Depression, whatever. So some of these other women lived in even tougher times.

But I thank you very much for your dedication and your devotion to these women. You

are a remarkable woman.

MS. MCGROWDER: Can I just mention, Legislator Ford, that right there in Long Beach we've got the second oldest New Yorker, Mrs. Goldie Steinberg. As you know, she's 114. I think of what Long Beach has gone through these past year. Again, right here on our doorstep we've got all this history.

Again, thank you so much.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you. And I look forward to see you -- will you be there for Goldie's next birthday? Okay. Definitely. It's a date.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you, Elaine, for sharing.

I'm going to now go into -- I told you today was pretty special. I'm going to go into the calendar. I'm going to begin, with all due respect to those who are going -- who are up to -- we should get to the calendar very quickly. As soon as we complete the calendar -- and I said most of it is a consent calendar. We should be able to get back to you shortly. I'm not ignoring anyone who has put in a slip.

I'm going to go to the confirmation of the appointments first because I believe they are here.

We have three appointments to the taxi limousine board. I'm going to call them all together. I will read them separately, however.

Item 37, a resolution to confirm the county executive's appointment of Donald Reisfeld to the Taxi and Limousine Board according to the Nassau County Charter Section 203, Article XXI-B, Section 2160(B).

Item 38, which is the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Blasucci to the TLB, again, according to the Nassau County Charter.

Item 39, which is the confirmation of the appointment of Steven Berry to the TLB according to the Nassau County Charter.

Motion please for those items.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

Any questions or comments regarding these?

Do we have these individuals here? Yes, sir. You are?

MR. REISFELD: I am Donald Reisfeld.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay, Donald. Do you want to tell us a little bit about you?

MR. REISFELD: It's an honor and a responsibility to serve the county. I've been a resident of Nassau County since 1977, which is almost 40 years. I've been a business owner since 1995, and I've been a property owner since 1998 in the New Cassel area. I've also been on the Board of Directors of the New Cassel Business Association and a Vice President of the New Cassel Business Association since 1998. I think what I bring is a perspective as both a citizen and a business owner to the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much, Mr. Reisfeld.

And?

MR. BERRY: Steven Berry.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hello, Steven.

MR. BERRY: How are you? I'm originally from Baldwin. I live in Merrick now. I have

over 20 years experience in taxi and limousine.

I look forward to helping the commission, trying to figure out the rules, regulations to help the industry in general.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much, Steve.

And then we have Peter.

MR. BLASUCCI: Hi. Pete Blasucci. I've been in the business for 50 years on Long Island. I look forward to even the playing field in Nassau County.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And you are from?

MR. BLASUCCI: Port Washington.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Quite a diversity here.

MR. BLASUCCI: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any questions of these three appointments? You have to know that this is purely volunteer, there is no money involved here. Am I right? No money.

Any questions of Peter, Steven, or Donald?

(No verbal response.)

None. Okay.

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The appointments are done. Thank you.
Congratulations and good luck.

We have one more confirmation, which is
Item 40, a resolution to confirm the county
executive's appointment of Gregory W. Carman,
Jr., to the Assessment Review Commission.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Dunne,
seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

And, Carman? Gregory, I shouldn't call
you by your last name.

MR. CARMAN: Good afternoon, Presiding
Officer. I want to thank the county executive
for his recommendation and for the vote of the
County Legislature for the opportunity to serve

Nassau County and its residents.

I've been a practicing attorney for 23 years, been a resident of Nassau County for almost my entire life, born and raised in Farmingdale. I still live in Farmingdale on the Nassau County side. I spent a lot of my time, when I'm not practicing law, in the special needs community because I have a child who is disabled, and I give a lot of my time voluntarily in that arena. This is just another way of giving my professional life to many different organizations. So the opportunity to serve the residents of Nassau County for this position is really quite an honor and a privilege, and I look to work with all of you in that capacity.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any questions of Gregory?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all those in favor of the confirmation of Gregory Carman to the Assessment Review Commission signify by saying

aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

MR. CARMAN: Thank you very much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You are confirmed unanimously.

As I said, we're going to proceed as quickly as we can. Usually what enables us to do that is that both the minority and the majority agree on a number of items, and we call that the consent calendar. We will move those first and anything that needs deliberation will be called separately. So here we go.

I'm going to call Item 1 -- and, by the way, these have all gone through committees. Frank, as usual, the testimony of the committees should be incorporated into the calendar.

Here we go. Item 1, Ordinance 45; Item 2, Ordinance 46; Item 4, Ordinance 48; Item 5, Ordinance 49; Item 6, Ordinance 50; Item 7, Ordinance 51; Item 8, Ordinance 52; Item 9, Ordinance 53; Item 10; Ordinance 54; Item 11, Ordinance 55; Item 12, Ordinance 56; Item 14,

Ordinance 58; Item 15, Ordinance 59; Item 16,
Ordinance 60; Item 17, Ordinance 61; Item 20,
Resolution 71; Item 21, Resolution 72; Item 22,
Resolution 73; Item 24, Resolution 75; Item 25,
Resolution 76; Item 26, Resolution 77; Item 28,
Resolution 79; Item 29, Resolution 80; Item 31,
Resolution 82; Item 32, Resolution 83; Item 33,
Resolution 84; Item 34, Resolution 85; Item 35,
Resolution 86; Item 36, Resolution 87; Item 41,
Resolution 92; Item 42, Resolution 93; Item 43,
Resolution 94; Item 44, Resolution 95; Item 46,
Resolution 97; Item 47, Resolution 98; Item 48,
Resolution 99; Item 49, Resolution 100; Item 50,
Resolution 101; Item 51, Resolution 102; Item 52,
Resolution 103; Item 53, Resolution 104. That
ends the consent calendar.

Any other questions that you may have?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
Nicolello.

(Whereupon, the following is the minutes
of the Rules Committee pertaining to Item 41,

Clerk Item 139.)

Item 139, a resolution to accept a gift offered by a donor to the Nassau County Police Department Firearms Range.

Motion, please.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Kopel. We have the sergeant here.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Good afternoon, Sergeant Greg Stephanoff.

This item is to accept a gift from the Nassau County Police Department Foundation for \$404,000 worth of headsets and sound equipment for the Nassau County Pistol Range. The headsets will be used for the range personnel to communicate with each other while there is live firing going on so they can maintain safety at the range with the live firing.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any questions of the sergeant?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes of the Committees pertaining to Item 1, Item 2, Item 4, Item 5, Item 6, Item 7, Item 8, Item 9, Item 10, Item 11, Item 12, Item 14, Item 15, Item 16, Item 17, Item 20, Item 21, Item 22, Item 24, Item 26, Item 26, Item 43, Item 44, Item 46, Item 47, Item 48, Item 49, Item 50, Item 51, Item 52, and Item 53.)

I begin with Item 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150. All the testimony from the committee are incorporated, please; 151, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 170, 173, 174, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 188.

Then of course there were items on the addendum and the rules were already suspended. I believe the items on the addendum were 171, 172.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes of the Public Safety Committee pertaining to Clerk Items 149, 157, 176, 179, 5-4-15.)

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: The first item to come before this committee is Item 149-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriations ordinance in connection with the Traffic Safety Board.

Who do we have from the Traffic Safety Board. Mr. Chris Mistron.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by Legislator MacKenzie, seconded by Legislator Muscarella.

MR. MISTRON: Christopher Mistron, Nassau County Traffic Safety, Stop DWI coordinator.

This particular item is actually for surplus money that existed in a prior year that we are moving forward to the 2015 DWI grant. It's being distributed between the areas of enforcement, education, prosecution and adjudication.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Are there any questions from any of the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

So passes and goes on to the Finance Committee.

The next item to come before this committee is Item 157-15, an ordinance supplemental to annual appropriations ordinance in connection with the District Attorney's Office.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by MacKenzie, seconded by Denise Ford. Mr. McManus is coming to the microphone. This item is 157.

MR. MCMANUS: This is a grant for the Crimes Against Revenue Program which endeavors to prosecute and investigate individuals and businesses whose illegal activities reduced the

taxes collected by the State of New York.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators have any questions?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

Passes on to the Finance Committee.

The next two items are with the police.

Item 176-15 is a resolution authorizing the signing of a New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Grant Agreement for funds to support the Nassau County Police Traffic Control and Enforcement for construction and maintenance projects; And the second item is 179-15, is a resolution authorizing the signing of a New York State Department of Transportation Supplemental Grant Agreement for funds to support the Nassau County Police Traffic Control and Enforcement of High Occupancy Vehicle Traffic

Laws on the Long Island Expressway.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Second.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Motion by MacKenzie, seconded by Muscarella. The first item I would like you to speak about is the 176-15.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Sergeant Greg Stephanoff. 176-15 is a resolution authorizing the police department to assist New York State DOT with their construction projects and we will assist with traffic and lane closures. It extends from 2016 through 2018.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators have any questions?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor of 176-15 indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

Passes on to Finance. The second part of that motion is 179-15.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: 179-15 is the HOV grant in the amount of \$992,000.

This grant will be dedicated to special patrollers to enforce the HOV lanes for the Vehicle and Traffic Law.

CHAIRMAN DUNNE: Any legislators have any questions?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any against?

(No verbal response.)

Passes and moves on to Finance.

SERGEANT STEPHANOFF: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes of the Planning Committee pertaining to Clerk Items 140, 158, 161, 5-4-15.)

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Clerk Item 140-15 is an ordinance making certain determinations pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and authorizing the county executive

of the County of Nassau to accept on behalf of the County of Nassau an offer of purchase from the Dapice Trust of certain premises located in New York Park, County of Nassau, State of New York, said property known as part of Section 8, Block 211-12, Lot 101 on the land and tax map of the County of Nassau, and to accept on behalf of the County of Nassau an offer of purchase from Salvatore and Patricia Lupo of certain premises located in New Hyde Park, County of Nassau, State of New York, said property known as part of Section 8, Block 211-12, Lot 101 on the land and tax map of the County of Nassau and authorizing the county executive to execute a deed contract of sale and all pertinent documents in connection therewith to consummate the sale.

Can I have a motion?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Motion by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Ford. The item is before us. Is there anyone here to speak on this item?

MR. SERANDIS: Nicholas Serandis, County

Attorney. This is the sale of property which is adjacent to the two homeowners that are listed in the ordinance.

The county had offered the property for sale to the adjacent homeowners as it is surplus property and not necessarily for county use.

The owners have agreed to accept the sale of these properties for the prices that are listed on the staff summary. They are both very small properties which won't affect the buildability in the not buildable lots. The sales were in accordance with the county and there was a planning commission action to subdivide the lot so it was one continuous lot and now it would have been subdivided.

We are asking approval for the sale so that the property can go out of county control and be added to the tax rolls of the county.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Is there any debate or discussion on this?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just one, Madam Chairwoman.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Legislator Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I do note in the

backup that OSPAC had actually passed a verbal resolution recommending the sale of the entire lot. I know that it has been subdivided, but is the entire lot being sold?

MR. SERANDIS: No. The lot was behind three homeowners. Two lots were being sold to the adjacent homeowners, the other lot being retained by the county, the adjacent homeowner did not want to purchase the lot.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I think the concern, having sat on OSPAC, I know this is June of 2012, so I'm kind of straining my memory on this one, if I remember the property correctly, I think the concern is that the residual piece of county property would be a lot that we would not be able to gain access to, which is why we recommended the sale of the entire lot.

MR. SERANDIS: We did go through DPW and they didn't have any issue regarding that and neither did the Planning Commission at the time.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Well, just the concern is, if it is in fact that lot, I'm assuming we don't have any kind of photo of the overview of the area, the concern is that the

county would own a piece of property that we wouldn't be able to get access to it if something happened on that piece of property.

I thought the concern was the potential for liability if someone were to enter that property and get hurt.

MR. SERANDIS: That is a concern and what we'll attempt to do is to offer the property back to sale to that owner or the owner directly adjacent to see if we can sell the property in the future.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I think that's why the suggestion was made that it all be done at the same time.

MR. SERANDIS: At that point there was a proposal that somebody was going to purchase the entire lot, and they would do that proposal, and then it was determined that the lot should be subdivided.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So the intention is to go back at this point to the two potential purchasers?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I believe it's always the intention of the county to try to get rid of

all surplus lots. We run into this problem very often because occasionally we have a long strip of property behind several lots that some of the homeowners want to purchase and some don't, and we do attempt to sell the property to all of the adjoining owners so that the county is not left with what is essentially a land locked piece.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any comments from any other legislators?

Legislator Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Just sort of piggybacking on what Legislator Rhoads just said. I'm confused also. If that doesn't happen, then passage of this through, and I realize today is not Full Leg, so that there's still two weeks to go, but that's a real problem if you don't have access, if something goes wrong there.

MR. SERANDIS: It does occasionally become a problem and there are many lots in the county which are land locked lots with the county or the towns or villages or other individuals that have access problems, and that's why we attempt to sell as many of these lots as we can. As you might be aware, the county owns, of these

adjacent lots, we probably own 500 to 1,000 pieces all throughout the county.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Let me ask a two edge question. Number one, I'm making an assumption, which is never a good idea, that this lot is green grass, or weeds or something; am I correct?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Legislator Jacobs, if it's the proposal I'm thinking of, I believe it's a wooded area.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Wooded area.

MR. WALSH: Yes. Kevin Walsh, Nassau County Real Estate Office. This area is in New Hyde Park. I think it is an unimproved lot. Another option that I would certainly look at in the situation that you raise is a good point. If there is some sort of land lock property, that we would be sure to at least obtain an easement before we would transfer the property, an access easement so we can get to our lot.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: But then one of these people, in this particular two parcels we're talking about, would have to agree that they would allow an easement if it's needed?

MR. WALSH: Yes. I will request to get

at least an access easement to get access from one of the two if necessary.

Keep in mind, I think you raise a good point. Many times with these small lots behind a strip like Nick pointed out often times these people are already maintaining it, cutting the grass, et cetera, that's usually the situation.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I'm just worried because if you don't have that, and like Legislator Rhoads said, and someone is hurt, or if a tree dies or whatever, I think that's pretty important that we know within the next two weeks.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Madam Chairwoman, if Legislator Jacobs is finished with her question, if I may, I believe we do have the option to actually put that into, as a condition of the sale into the approval, so that our approval itself would be conditioned upon there being some sort of easement to allow us onto the property.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I would definitely agree with you. If that would be done, that would make it a much easier thing to pass.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Is that something that you normally do?

MR. WALSH: It's not always the situation we have, a lot that could be created that's land locked. And I'm not 100 percent sure it is, but we can certainly speak to both owners to allow us to get access.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: If you can clarify that for us. I think it's a great suggestion to have that in the contract before we make any transfer.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: This is all kind of based upon sort of my recollection of what we passed three years ago. Is there any chance, because I know for most of these properties there is at least some sort of photo of what we're dealing with on a map.

Is it possible to get that to us in the next two weeks so that we can have it? Is it in the backup? Okay. Never mind.

MR. WALSH: We can create a GIS map for it certainly, send it. I think we did submit perhaps a tax map, and get a GIS as well.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Thank you.

Legislator Ford, did you have a question?

LEGISLATOR FORD: I would just like to

have clarification too on the property that's land locked.

Who will maintain it while you go through the process of trying to see if the residents will perhaps purchase it?

MR. SERANDIS: Technically, until the county is out of title, the county maintains the property. But like Kevin said, most of the times when we have these properties that are adjacent to people's houses, people are already using them and are cutting the lawns, cleaning the leaves, maintenance is done.

Like I said, we have a 500 to 1,000 pieces of these properties which we attempt to identify and sell on a regular basis so to alleviate those issues both from a standpoint of getting additional revenue for the county but also to eliminate some of the maintenance responsibilities falling on DPW or parks or other agencies of the county.

LEGISLATOR FORD: So then you will actually reach out to the residents who purchased the two other properties then?

MR. SERANDIS: Yes.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any other comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor of this item please signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

Next we have Clerk Item 158-15, an ordinance making certain determinations pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and authorizing the County Executive on behalf of the County of Nassau to execute a release and relocation of an easement for drainage purpose between the County of Nassau and Vincent Dejana situated in the Village of Lattingtown, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, New York.

Motion, please.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Rhoads. This item is before us. Can you speak on this item as well?

MR. SERANDIS: Yes. Nicholas Serandis again, Deputy County Attorney.

Basically this is a very large piece of property in Lattingtown which has a drainage issue, drainage that goes over several parcels. At some point it was determined by DPW and by the property owner that the drainage, because of the relocation of the streams and drainage system underneath, that the drainage was actually located on a different portion of the property than where the original easement was given.

So, after much study it was determined by engineers that instead of the easement being in the site where it is presently located, it would be relocated to the site where the actual drainage issues may exist, and therefore release part of the easement, release that part of the easement and be granted an easement over the other portion of the property, which has the drainage system which can be accessed by the

2 Department of Public Works if that becomes
3 necessary.

4 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any comments from
5 the legislators?

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just one, Deputy
7 County Attorney Serandis, what was OSPAC's
8 recommendation on this?

9 MR. SERANDIS: It was a negative
10 declaration, that it was proposed action --

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I got it. I saw it
12 in there.

13 MR. SERANDIS: You see it now?

14 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes. Thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any other comments?
16 Legislator Jacobs.

17 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Nick, is there a
18 reason why the Town of Oyster Bay --

19 MR. SERANDIS: Whose idea?

20 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: No. I'm asking you -
21 -

22 MR. SERANDIS: It's in the village of
23 Lattingtown and basically we were approached by
24 the property owner because he wants to build
25 something over the area which is currently

encumbered by the easement, so he wanted to move it and after much study it was determined that instead of flowing against the edge of the property as opposed to the middle of the property. And the town is not involved at all because it's not a town property or anything of that nature.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Can I ask you a question? There had to be a study with this, right? So, who did the study? Who knows if we move it if we're not creating flooding or whatever. I'm just wondering.

MR. SERANDIS: Right now, based upon the flow of the stream, which I gather had been in existence for many many years, there is no need to access the place where the easement chose to be discontinued, but there will be a need to access, and basically the easement is really for access more than digging purposes so we have access in case there happens to be an issue that comes up.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Does the village have anything to do with this; are they in agreement with what's going on or do they know about it?

MR. SERANDIS: Well, the easement agreement is going to be recorded and it will be -- it will have a different meets and bounds description of the easement that was -- originally the easement was like on an entire property. The easement flows like between four properties and the adjacent stream. So it meanders through many different properties. That was the request by the property owner.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I was just going to ask you that. So the property owner requested this?

MR. SERANDIS: Yes. The property owner requested that the easement be removed as to one area, and based upon the determination by DPW and our expert, that it was determined that we did have to maintain an easement over a different portion of the property.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Any other comments from any other legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public discussion on this item?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor of
this item signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes.

Our last item is Clerk Item 161-15, an ordinance making certain determinations pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and authorizing the County Executive on behalf of the County of Nassau to accept on behalf of the County of Nassau an offer of purchase from Thomas Passalacqua and Kathlyn Daly of certain premises located in the Village of Malverne, County of Nassau, State of New York, said property known as Section 37, Block 213, Lots 1 and 2, on the Land and Tax Map of the County of Nassau and authorizing the County Executive to execute deeds, contracts of sale and all pertinent documents in connection therewith to consummate the sale.

Motion, please.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

MR. SERANDIS: This is another direct sale of property which was approved by OSPAC and Planning which is the property adjacent to the property owner who owned lots three and four and, again, and we identified it as county property. The gentleman submitted a proposal. The property owner submitted a proposal to try to get the property, it was appraised, and the value of the -- and as a result, we are trying to sell the property again to add it to the tax roll, reduce the county's maintenance responsibilities and, unlike the other parcels, there is no issues as to land locked parcels, and there are no adjacent owners, the property being adjacent to the Long Island Railroad.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Any comments from the legislators on this item?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just a question, Madam Chairwoman. With respect to OSPAC or the Planning Commission, were there any restrictions, any conditions on the approval?

MR. SERANDIS: I don't believe there was any restrictions on the property use, and, again, it doesn't create another buildable lot for the homeowner. The review of the environmental impact assessment form doesn't indicate there were any restrictions on the property.

CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Are other comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public discussion?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor of this item signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes of the Health and Social Services Committee pertaining to Clerk Items 148, 150, 151, 153, 156, 5-4-15.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: We have five items on the agenda today. They are all annual appropriation ordinances in connection with the

Health Department. So, if it's agreeable, we call them together.

First is Clerk Item 148-15, which is an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Health; Item 150-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Health; Clerk Item 151-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Health; Clerk Item 153-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Health; Clerk Item 156-15, an ordinance supplemental to the annual appropriation ordinance in connection with the Department of Health; May I have a motion, please?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Moved by Legislator Becker, seconded by Legislator Schaefer. We have Ms. MaryEllen Lorraine who will speak on these items.

MS. LORRAINE: Good afternoon. MaryEllen Lorraine, Department of Health.

Item 148-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,611. This is for the Tuberculosis Public Health Campaign Grant.

This is an additional COLA award. Total funding after the COLA award is \$567,204. This is 100 percent funded through New York State Department of Health and it's mission is to prevent the spread of Tuberculosis in Nassau County.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Seeing none, Clerk Item 150-15.

MS. LORRAINE: Item 150-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$145,955. This is for the Drinking Water Enhancement Program. This is also funded through New York State Department of Health and it's

2 purpose is to protect and enhance the public
3 water supply in Nassau County.

4 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any
5 questions or comments from the legislators?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 Any public comment?

8 (No verbal response.)

9 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Seeing none, Clerk
10 Item 151-15.

11 MS. LORRAINE: Item 151-15 is a
12 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
13 \$296,304. This is for the Adolescent Tobacco Use
14 Prevention Act. This is New York State
15 Department of Health funded and this enforces the
16 selling of tobacco to minors under 18.

17 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any
18 questions or comments from the legislators?

19 (No verbal response.)

20 Any public comment?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Clerk Item 153-15.

23 MS. LORRAINE: Item 153-15 is a
24 supplemental appropriation in the amount of
25 \$100,000. This is for the Ebola Preparedness and

Response Activity Grant.

This is 100 percent funded through New York State Department of Health as federal pass-through monies from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and this will assist with local public health preparedness activities in the event of Ebola.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Seeing none, Clerk Item 156-16.

MS. LORRAINE: Item 156-15 is a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000. This is for the HIV Expanded Services Grant. This is also funded through New York State Department of Health and the purpose of this grant is to help facilitate those who are infected with HIV AIDS and may not be in treatment.

CHAIRWOMAN WALKER: Are there any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Seeing none, all those in favor of Clerk
Items 148-15, 150-15, 151-15, 153-15, 156-16,
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

It is unanimous and they will all move on
to the Finance Committee.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes
of the Finance Committee pertaining to Clerk
Items 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 155,
159, 160, 162-170, 173, 174, 177, 178, 180, 188,
5-4-15.)

VICE CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Next up I will
call clerk item 141 of '15, 142 of '15, 143 of
'15, 144 of '15, 145 of '15, 146 of '15 and 147
of '15. Those are ordinances that are either
transfer of appropriations or supplemental to the
annual appropriations.

Motion, please.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Any discussion from the public or from legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items are reported.

Next up, how about I call item 154 of '15 and 155 of '15?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator Walker. Do we have any public comment? Let me just read these two: Item 154 of '15 is an ordinance providing for a capital expenditure to finance the payment of certain payments by the County of Nassau to county employees based upon separation from employment authorizing \$35,199,757 of bonds of the County of Nassau to finance said expenditure and making certain determinations

pursuant to SEQRA, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York and the County and Government Law of Nassau County.

Item 155 of '15 is a resolution providing for an issuance of a warrant directing the treasurer of the County of Nassau to pay the supervisors of the several towns and to the treasurers of the several villages and cities within the County of Nassau the sums as apportioned by the Nassau County Legislature based upon a report filed by the county treasurer and the county clerk showing deposits from the mortgage taxes for the quarter beginning January 1st of 2015 to March 31st, 2015 pursuant to the County Government Law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

Do we have any questions or comments from the legislators?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor of those two items signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

So we have four to three.

Let's go back. I'm going to separate those two items. Let me call 154 of '15 separately.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator Walker. All those in favor of that item signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

Item passes four to three.

Now I will call the Item 155 of '15.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Legislator Walker.

All those in favor of 155 of '15 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That vote is unanimous on Item 155 of '15.

Next up, Items 159 of '15 and 160 of '15. These are the transfer of appropriations made within the budget for the year 2015.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Do we have any discussion on these two items?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor of Items 159 and 160 of '15 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items carry.

Next up in bulk, Items 162 of '15, 163 of '15, 164 of '15, 165 of '15. We will take those items. So that's Item 162 through 165.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

Those items are before us. Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items are carried.

Next up will be 170 of 2015.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

That's a resolution adopting the comprehensive investment policy of the county in accordance with Section 39 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

Any discussion on this matter?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That item carries unanimously.

Items 173 and 174 of 2015.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Kopel. These are resolutions authorizing the funding of the employee benefit accrued liability reserve fund from monies in the police headquarters fund and police district fund.

Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none, all those in favor of those
two items signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items are carried.

Items 177 of '15 and 178 of '15 are
resolutions to authorize the transfer of
appropriations heretofore made within the budget
for the year 2015.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr.
Kopel, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none, all those in favor
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items carried.

Next Items 180 of 2015, 188 of 2015, and
189 of 2015.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr.
Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Those items are
before us. They have to do with a grant
agreement on behalf of the Department of Parks,
Recreation and Museums, and an ordinance to amend
Ordinance 28 of 2014 adopting a capital budget
for the year 2014 for the county corresponding to
the first year of a four year capital plan, and a
bond ordinance providing for capital expenditure.

What we're going to do is separate this
out. We're going to take items 180 and 188.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr.
Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. Those two items
are before us. Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor of those two items
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items carry unanimously.

Now we will take item 189 of 2015, which
is a bond ordinance for a capital expenditure to
finance capital projects identified herein within
the County of Nassau and authorizing \$10,987,649
worth of bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
such expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance
Law of New York and the Government Law of Nassau
County.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Ms.
Walker, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

That item is before us. Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

That item carries four to three.

I think we have completed the regular agenda but we do have an addendum.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Motion.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: At this time Mr. Kopel moves to suspend the rules.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Seconded by Ms. Walker. All those in favor of suspending the rules, signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The rules are suspended.

I'm going to call these together also, Items 171 and 172 of 2015. I will read those. A resolution requesting the Legislature of the State of New York to enact and the Governor to approve a local law amending Title 24 of the miscellaneous laws of Nassau County in relation to extending the Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax; Item 172 is a resolution requesting the Legislature

the State of New York to enact and the Governor to approve a local law amending law 18-1984 as last amended by local law 8-2011 and local law 9-2011, and as incorporated in Chapter 4 of Title 9 and the miscellaneous laws of Nassau County in relation to imposing additional rates of sales and compensating use taxes authorized by Section 1210 of the tax law and continuing a local government assistance program authorized by Section 1262E of the law.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. The item is before us. Any discussion? We will now call those separately. Item 171 of 2015. Motion?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

VICE-CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by Mr. Kopel, seconded by Ms. Walker. That item is before us. Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

Is there any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor please say aye.

(Aye.)

Those opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That item carries.

(Whereupon, the following are the minutes of the Rules Committee pertaining to Item Numbers 181, 182, 184, 185, 186, 187, 190 and 191.)

I think we have 181. With the permission of the minority, can we call Items 181, they are all IMAs, through 187.

Is that okay? 181, 182. 181, an IMA with the Village of Island Park; Item 182, an IMA with the Village of Island Park; 183 is an IMA with the Village of Kings Point; 184 is an IMA with Hicksville Fire Department; Item 185 is an IMA with the Village of East Rockaway; Item 186 is an IMA with the Oceanside Fire District; is an IMA with the Town of Oyster Bay in relation to a project to purchase telemetry equipment; 190, an IMA I believe with the Town of Hempstead with relation to provide lifeguard services; 191, I believe it's an IMA with the Town of Hempstead in relation to a project to restore the

2 rehabilitated Town of Hempstead Point Lookout
3 special park district property.

4 Motion, please.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Kopel.
9 Any questions, comments on those items?

10 (No verbal response.)

11 Is there any public comment?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 There being none, all those in favor
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Aye.)

16 Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 (Whereupon, the following is the
19 continuation of the May 18, 2015 minutes of the
20 Full Legislature.)

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any further
22 questions? Now is the time.

23 (No verbal response.)

24 Any public comment?

25 Tonya, on the items here? Go ahead,

Tonya.

MS. LUKASIK: Thank you. Good afternoon, everybody. This is regarding the first one. Tonya Lukasik. I am the director of Operation STOMP. I'm here regarding Ordinance 45-2015. I just have a couple of questions regarding the amendment, with the interest of wanting to better understand the process behind the way the Department of Public Works prioritizes its capital budget items and funding.

In Section 2 it states that each project listed in Appendix B attached has been identified as either a Type 1. It's hard to hear. If everybody could please be quiet. Type 1 or Type 2 activity according to SEQRA. My question is it states that there is a record listing the determination in a file. Is each legislator here provided one of these copies of every activity, in terms of Type 1 or Type 2 classification when this documentation is provided to you before you make a vote? If so, what's that form called?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, it's always in the backup.

MR. LUKASIK: It says there is an

appendix and it lists the type, whether it's Type 1 or Type 2. My question is is there a document that states how you came to that determination, either a short form or a long form?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That, Tonya, is up to the Department of Public Works how they came to that conclusion.

MS. LUKASIK: Okay. So that process --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We adopt what they declare.

MS. LUKASIK: Could you repeat that? I'm sorry.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We adopt what their findings are.

MS. LUKASIK: Okay. I'm just trying to better understand the process. So does the Department of Public Works go through a short form or long form process before they make that determination?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm giving you the information I'm receiving.

MS. LUKASIK: Sure.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It depends on the type of the item and it's done by DPW to come up

with the recommendations.

MS. LUKASIK: I just want to understand the process.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me. I'm sorry. And the Planning Commission. Nassau County Planning Commission.

MS. LUKASIK: So depending on the type of activity.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Right.

MS. LUKASIK: But as a legislator, when you're presented this documentation, are you provided any confirmation document beyond just a sheet that says, and an appendix, Type 1 or Type 2 to confirm? You're leaving the responsibility on the Department of Public Works. My question is are you given a short form or any other type of documentation before you make a vote?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, the counsel just said that he can give you a copy of the representative form so that you could see what is submitted to us.

MS. LUKASIK: Okay. That would be helpful. I think the public wants that information too not just me.

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's also public,
3 Tonya.

4 MS. LUKASIK: And what is that file or
5 record called?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You asked for
7 SEQRA, didn't you, SEQRA Type 1, Type 2? That's
8 what you would find.

9 MS. LUKASIK: So each activity, just so
10 I'm clear, the Department of Public Works is
11 going --

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Or Planning. I
13 just told you Planning Commission. Nassau County
14 Planning Commission probably would be your best
15 bet to get that information.

16 MS. LUKASIK: For a Department of Public
17 Works activity, like one of the ones that's
18 listed in the appendix --

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, they
20 recommend to DPW and to the administration
21 whether or not, okay, a project should go
22 forward. And I think if you need additional
23 information you should be contacting the Planning
24 Commission or DPW.

25 MS. LUKASIK: For the sake of -- I know

looking at Abtec and the --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Fine.

MS. LUKASIK: reliance on the Department of Public Works can sometimes be disconcerting.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: This has nothing to do with it. Everything does not revolve around one particular situation.

MS. LUKASIK: Of course. But I want to better understand --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have to look at each of them separately.

MS. LUKASIK: I want to better understand as a resident and taxpayer --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine. You can get a lot of --

MS. LUKASIK: how this process is being handled.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: it from the Planning Commission and you can get it from the DPW, and whatever information we have online.

MS. LUKASIK: Just so we're clear, just because this is complicated. When you vote on something as a legislative body in Rules, or an environmental committee, you are not provided any

specific documentation, such as a short form or a long form.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, I told you that. There is a short and a long. I'm going to tell you something and I'm going to tell this for every one of my colleagues, both sides of the aisle.

We review every item that comes to us before it comes to the public. And if there are questions that need to be asked and if they're not answered, guess what? The item doesn't come before us.

MS. LUKASIK: I'm just trying to understand the --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So we do question.

MS. LUKASIK: process because I'm not privy to that documentation, neither is the public.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We do not accept anything blindly.

MS. LUKASIK: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We do ask the appropriate questions, and if they're not

forthcoming, guess what? Then we're not calling the items.

MS. LUKASIK: Okay. So part of the process is -- I'm just trying to understand because I'm not privy to the documentation that you receive. You are not provided a short or long form for an environmental activity; it's something the Department of Public Works might handle.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We are as part of the backup. However, if you want more information you go to planning or DPW, that's what I'm saying to you.

MS. LUKASIK: As a legislator, I'm asking the process on your end. Are you provided, for each activity that has a Type 1 or Type 2 classification?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I really appreciate your interest. I also appreciate your in-depth consideration of some of these items.

MS. LUKASIK: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: But you know what? I think that you need to address them to the right departments.

We are answering to the best of our ability.

MS. LUKASIK: I can give you a personal example.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm telling you right now, Tonya. I'm telling you right now that I've answered your questions to the best of our ability --

MS. LUKASIK: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And I thank you very much for your participation.

MS. LUKASIK: I want to just give an example of my experience trying to obtain this documentation.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know you very well. I know that you've been dealing with us for a long, long time. So I know what your experiences are. So if you've got another one that we don't know about, tell us.

MS. LUKASIK: This is a specific thing, so that we're all clear and on the same page.

The way that the environmental determination was made for an activity that involved South Oyster Bay Road was a request to

initiate form. It was signed off by a Department of Public Works engineer.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, you're already at --

MS. LUKASIK: There was no short form or long form completed. I just want to make it clear so that this is the documentation that I'm being provided.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're going past the item. And I think your three minutes are up.

CLERK MULLER: Yeah. Your time has expired.

MS. LUKASIK: We're back and forth. This is discourse on an important item.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And we're not supposed to have -- this is not a debate session.

MS. LUKASIK: It's trying to understand --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, no, no.

MS. LUKASIK: process. There is such a lack of transparency here.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, you stop and you listen. I know that you have availed yourself of the services of my counsel on a

2 number of occasions and they've given you all the
3 freedom to ask all of your questions and get --

4 MS. LUKASIK: I don't even get emails
5 replied back to from individuals on this body.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sorry, Tonya.
7 That's it. Time is up.

8 MS. LUKASIK: My other issue too, just
9 to put it out here because this is involving
10 taxpayer funds. When these items are listed on
11 the capital budget, like these two items that are
12 being amended right now --

13 CLERK MULLER: You're at seven minutes.

14 MS. LUKASIK: is there some sort of --
15 this is the last question I'll just ask and maybe
16 just leave for people to think about.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, no, no. I'm
18 going to -- I have a number of items that I've
19 called and I'm looking now for a vote. You've
20 had your turn at the mic to discuss whatever you
21 would like to discuss and then some.

22 MS. LUKASIK: This has been extended
23 because instead of you giving me a two second
24 response, you have to consult with seven
25 different --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm telling you this is not a public debate session --

MS. LUKASIK: individuals about a process that should be organized and systematic.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tonya, the purpose of public participation is for the participants to express their concerns, not to have a public debate.

MS. LUKASIK: I'm expressing concerns right now.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much. And I have Mr. Budnick.

MS. LUKASIK: The last items I'll just leave with -- it's important for individuals that are going through these contracts to look at performance appraisal. That's one thing that's not listed in here and I think it's important going forward.

Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Budnick.

MR. BUDNICK: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead, Mr. Budnick.

MR. BUDNICK: I was not able to detect in my review of this item whether there was anything for the rebuilding --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: John, which item are you talking about?

MR. BUDNICK: Number 1. I'm sorry. Thank you.

I couldn't see that there was something for the building of the dock master house in Wantagh Park. I haven't seen anything for grey course elimination at either Bethpage, Stewart Avenue, or Bethpage/Hicksville, South Oyster Bay Road, which are deadly locations. That is my comment and I thank you very much. I couldn't seem to find it. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There being no further comment --

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I do have one question on Item 5, Madam Presiding Officer.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead, Legislator Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you very much. I think you anticipated what the question was. It's something that actually came up in

committees. Did we have an answer on that?

MR. SERANDIS: I reviewed the files since our last meeting, and I determined that the property being retained by the county does have street access so that there is no need for any access easement to the property being retained by the county.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I appreciate it. Thank you. Thanks for checking into it. No other questions.

MS. MERIDAY: I've been here. I've submitted sheets and I was told I didn't have to put any specific ordinance since this was a full legislative process.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on. Hold on. No. No. No. No. Hold on.

MS. MERIDAY: Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen, Ms. Meriday.

MS. MERIDAY: I am trying to listen. But there needs to be some point of courtesy as well. I am a taxpaying resident and I do expect -- I would like to finish my sentence. I would like

to finish my sentence.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You listen. You need to listen. I did say once we finished with the calendar I'd come back to public participation and then you could come up.

MS. MERIDAY: But you opened it for public comment with regard to the ordinances being discussed.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, public comment is not on right now, unless it's an item.

MS. MERIDAY: Yes, it is an item.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. It doesn't say that on your list, does it?

MS. MERIDAY: When I arrived here at five minutes to one, I asked what was the procedure with regard to making comments with regard to the items listed. I was told I didn't have to do that specifically. I did have to sign in.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen to me.

MS. MERIDAY: I listened to you, Presiding Officer --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen.

MS. MERIDAY: I would like you to listen

to me.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're talking about Item 1 and 2; am I correct?

MS. MERIDAY: I'm talking about Items 1 and 2.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine. Go right ahead.

MS. MERIDAY: Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just make yourself clear and it's no problem.

MS. MERIDAY: I've never made myself unclear.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm sorry. But sometimes I don't understand everybody. Go ahead.

MS. MERIDAY: That is apparent.

MS. MERIDAY: With regard to Ordinance -
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LEGISLATOR BECKER: That's unnecessary.

MS. MERIDAY: Well, it's unnecessary to be disrespectful --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's go.

MS. MERIDAY: to myself and other taxpayers.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms. Meriday, I am not being disrespectful to you.

MS. MERIDAY: It is unnecessary to be disrespectful. And I'm on the three minutes.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen. I'm going to give you your three minutes.

You need to be clear as to what items you wanted to talk about. If they're on the calendar, then you can speak about them now. But if it doesn't say that on your slip I have no way of knowing. Okay? And it didn't say that on your slip. So now your three minutes. Go ahead.

MS. MERIDAY: We pay enough for these floors. I would like to be able to have my opportunity to speak. My questions have to do with, as the young lady preceding me, it has to do with asking with regard to these performance appraisals and to have more detailed information for those of us who have to bear the burdens of the residents who are still living here, for those who don't leave in the middle of the night and end up with these zombie homes.

I need to have clarification with regard to what exactly this adoption process means in

terms of my tax hit and who is being implicated? Does this include the projects that are going to be taking place with regard to the Coliseum, other infrastructure projects, things of that nature? Does it include outreach that will provide some real some real job opportunities for residents who live here? I need to know more specifics with regard to Ordinance 1 and 2.

I also, again for my own point of privilege, just the lack of disrespect to the taxpayer in this county is appalling. The fact that someone cannot come up here and get the answers and get the runaround and be abused and potentially intimidated -- because I don't get intimidated. But this is the reason why people don't want to come up here, don't want to speak, and they're leaving this county.

Now, can someone answer my question? And I hope that I was very clear.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Connie, did you get the questions?

Ms. Meriday, on the backup, there are specific items that are listed, and they don't include what you have brought to our attention.

MS. MERIDAY: Particularly with Item 2, Ordinance Number 46-2015, authorizing \$10 million of bonds to finance what expenditures?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Would you like to know the projects?

MS. MERIDAY: Yes.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. One is for land acquisition, and I believe Mr. -- the real estate could tell you those. One is for NICE. Another one is for various county parks and ice rink modernizations. Another one is for the systematic review of the county assessment system. They total approximately \$10,987,649.

MS. MERIDAY: So NICE, as in the NICE buses?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's right.

MS. MERIDAY: Okay. So we're continuing to subsidize the buses that were supposed to save the taxpayers' money but in fact are costing taxpayers more money?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And we do, Ms. Meriday. We do. Okay?

MS. MERIDAY: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And this will

help them to continue to give the fares that they're giving to the riders. What else do you want to know?

MS. MERIDAY: For parks, does that include cleaning up the toxic waste that's on the Brookside Preserve in Baldwin?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's ice parks. Ice rinks.

MS. MERIDAY: The ice rinks.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Modernization of the ice rinks.

MS. MERIDAY: So we're going to modernize the ice rinks but we're not dealing with the toxic dumping that took place in North Baldwin?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms. Meriday, there are other projects that have gone forward regarding the issue that you're raising. This particular item addresses the ice rinks and only the ice rinks.

MS. MERIDAY: What are the other items that are addressing that? We haven't seen it. I'm just curious. I'm reading in *Newsday* about the bill to limit election mail that we seem to

2 be paying for. I'm just trying to find out where
3 my tax dollars are going, because it's not
4 benefitting me where I live. If someone can
5 answer that question.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't know who
7 can tell you about land acquisition to the tune
8 of \$2.8 million. I can tell you about the
9 systematic review county assessment system to the
10 tune of \$700,000. Would you want to speak about
11 the land acquisition to Ms. Meriday? Is there
12 anything you want to talk about? And, by the
13 way, this is not a one-shot deal. This is during
14 the course of the year that this \$2.8 million for
15 land acquisition is going to be expended. So
16 it's not a one-shot thing.

17 MS. MERIDAY: And who is monitoring the
18 expenditures with that?

19 CLERK MULLER: We've passed three
20 minutes, by the way.

21 MS. MERIDAY: The Department of Real
22 Estate monitors that.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Also, the
24 comptroller and NIFA.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Absolutely.

MS. MERIDAY: Okay. And I'm guessing that the comptroller is going to monitor how they are getting paid since --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will tell you this, Ms. Meriday --

MS. MERIDAY: since we -- I'm sorry, I was not finished, ma'am.

Since we already have one contractor that's being reviewed by the comptroller's office for wage issues. I can't make this stuff up if it's already printed.

This contractor was approved by this organization and they were not paying a living wage to its workers. So I don't understand, again, when I'm asking about transparency and review of contracts that this body is approving and at the end of the day, again, residents are not getting paid enough that they can make a living, let alone stay here in Long Island.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let me say this to you. Once it leave this body it goes to another level, and that's the comptroller, who audits what's being done and whether or not it's being expended properly. Okay. And then we also

have another entity that will monitor it as well. It's not like, you know, because we pass something it's blindly accepted. And then you have the other entity that certainly is going to scrutinize almost everything that we put through, and that's NIFA. So we're not doing this in a vacuum.

I hope I allayed your fears, but I don't know if --

MS. MERIDAY: No, you haven't. Because we have a lot of dust that's clogging the vacuum that needs to get cleaned out.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You may be right. Thank you.

Okay. All those in favor of the items that were called on the consent calendar signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The items pass unanimously.

Now we're going to move to Item 13, Ordinance 57, and that is a supplemental appropriation to an annual appropriation

ordinance in connection with the Department of Health.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

Now I'm going to ask -- I am going to ask for an amendment in the nature of a substitution to this item.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator Kopel.

The amendment corrects the total amount set forth in the resolution, and that's where the error, typographical error was made.

All those in favor of the amendment which corrects the dollar amount signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The amendment passes unanimously.

Now for Item 13, as amended. Item 13 as amended, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

Now we have -- I think I have another one. In fact, I think I have another two.

Item 27 is Resolution 78, authorizing the county executive to execute a grant agreement between the County of Nassau, acting on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums and the Friends of Cedarmere, Inc.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator MacKenzie.

I need to call an amendment in the nature of a substitution. The amendment in the nature of a substitution calls for -- it changes the

grant term to be consistent with the term provided in the attached contract. The term changed from this agreement shall commence on April 1, 2015 and terminate March 31, 2015. It should read the agreement commences on the 15th, April 15 and it terminates on March 31, 16.

Motion to amend?

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator Ford.

All those in favor of the amendment signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Now for Item 27 as amended; all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

Now we have one more item that I believe

needs an amendment.

Mr. Budnick, go ahead.

MR. BUDNICK: Forgive me. It may be that I'm getting so old that my hearing is going. Perhaps if somebody would give me a copy of that, when you get a chance, because I thought you said it was commencing on April 1, 2015 and finishing March 15, 2015.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And that's why we're amending it, because the end date is wrong. So it's not March 31, 2015, it's March 31, 2016.

MR. BUDNICK: Okay. I misunderstood what I heard. And I thank you very much, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're welcome, John.

MR. BUDNICK: May I ask that I get a copy of that agreement sometime from somebody, through the clerk's office?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. No problem.

MR. BUDNICK: Thank you so much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're welcome.

We're going to move to Item 19, and we're

going to need a motion to suspend the rules and I think the reason for it is the timing of filing.

A motion, please, to suspend the rules for Item 19?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Ford.

All those in favor of suspending the rules signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Okay. The rules are now suspended.

Item 19, Resolution 70, a resolution requesting the Legislature of the State of New York to enact and the governor to approve a local law amending Local Law 18-1984, as last amended by Local Law 8-2011 and Local Law 9-2011, as incorporated in Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, in relation to imposing additional rates of sale and compensating use taxes authorized by Section 1210 of the Tax Law and continuing a local government

assistance program authorized by Section 1262-E
of the Law.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator Dunne.

Any questions regarding 19?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all those in favor of
19 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

We have Item 3, Ordinance 47, an
ordinance providing for a capital expenditure to
finance the payment of certain payments by the
County of Nassau to county employees upon
separation from employment, authorizing
\$35,199,757 of bonds of the County of Nassau to
finance said expenditure, making certain

2 determinations pursuant to the State

3 Environmental Quality Review Act pursuant to the

4 Local Finance Law of New York and the County

5 Government Law of Nassau County.

6 Motion, please?

7 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
10 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
11 Nicolello.

12 Any questions?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 Any comments?

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority Leader
17 Kevan Abrahams.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If Mr. Chalmers
19 from Office of Legislative Budget Review can come
20 forward.

21 MR. CHALMERS: Maurice Chalmers, Budget
22 Review.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are you, Mr.
24 Chalmers?

25 MR. CHALMERS: Very well, and yourself?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Good. Good. If I'm understanding Ordinance 47-2015, this is basically to pay out the termination pay that the county has historically paid out over single year.

MR. CHALMERS: Correct.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And this is based off of how many people separating, leaving the county?

MR. CHALMERS: I think we are projecting approximately 150 for the police department by itself, which should be approximately \$33 million for police by itself. In addition to police, we are expecting another \$8 million in the general fund.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. So we've bonded for termination pay in the past plenty of times.

MR. CHALMERS: Yes, we have.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So when we have bonded in the past have we exhausted all the funds?

MR. CHALMERS: I believe there are still funds available. There's approximately \$4

2 million in Capital Project 90100 termination pay,
3 and there was also some funds in the reserve,
4 approximately 10.2 million.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So 10.2 plus \$4
6 million.

7 MR. CHALMERS: Yes. The \$4 million --

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Hold on one
9 second. So then basically this \$14 million that
10 could be utilized for term pay.

11 MR. CHALMERS: No. There's 10.2 in the
12 reserve that could be used for police
13 termination. The four million, we would have to
14 go back and see how much of the pre-pays are
15 still outstanding because part of the four
16 million could be already accounted for in the
17 pre-pays.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And is there a
19 portion that NIFA hasn't approved that's still
20 out there as well?

21 MR. CHALMERS: There is approximately \$8
22 million, yes.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I know this is
24 not really a question for you, but what's the
25 likelihood that NIFA would even approve this with

2 all these other buckets out there? That's not a
3 question for you, per say.

4 MR. CHALMERS: I can't answer that
5 question.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I understand. So
7 if I understand this correctly, this \$10.2
8 million that's out there for police separations -
9 -

10 MR. CHALMERS: Correct.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: There's \$4
12 million that's out there that's associated with
13 the capital bond project --

14 MR. CHALMERS: Correct.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And then there's
16 \$8.5 million that's out there, we don't know the
17 source but it's out there, that NIFA just hasn't
18 approved yet.

19 MR. CHALMERS: That's correct.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So logic would
21 tell me that before we bond \$35 million, wouldn't
22 it make more sense to ask NIFA to approve the 8.5
23 and then see where we are?

24 MR. CHALMERS: That's a choice that this
25 legislature would have to make.

2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: True. True.

3 Very true. Okay. To me, it just seems like --
4 the other two buckets, the four million and the
5 10.2, have those been approved by NIFA?

6 MR. CHALMERS: The 10.2 is out there.
7 It does not need NIFA approval. It has been
8 sitting in a reserve fund. I believe this \$33
9 million is part of the budget process. It was I
10 guess agreed upon as part of the 151, which was
11 \$60 million for tax certs and \$33 million for the
12 termination pay.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. It just
14 seems like there could be other sources for money
15 at this time.

16 Has the county made any expenditures in
17 regards to term pay currently?

18 MR. CHALMERS: There have been
19 expenditures made, yes.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And how much have
21 we spent to date?

22 MR. CHALMERS: I would have to go back
23 and double check. From the top of my head, I'm
24 not sure.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you know how

many people have left the county?

MR. CHALMERS: The police department, I believe there are approximately 80 people that have already put in their paperwork, so that's going to be a pretty significant hit for the county.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Of which they have the 10.2 to utilize; that doesn't have to go through NIFA.

MR. CHALMERS: Yes. I guess that would be a funding option if this body decided not to bond for the \$33 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. And they have the \$4 million as well.

MR. CHALMERS: The \$4 million is sitting in the capital project. But as I've stated before, I'd have to go back and see how much of it is already accounted for. Here's what happens. Some employees leave and they opt for pre-pays and some employees might still have payment that hasn't been bonded for that's still outstanding. So I would have to reconcile that \$4 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So considering,

Mr. Chalmers, that we have these different buckets out there and an additional bond for 35.2 million, is the County going to use all these buckets including the 35 million?

MR. CHALMERS: I believe the County --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: In your best estimation.

MR. CHALMERS: The County is going to use approximately, I would say just for police department, between 32 and \$33 million this year in addition to approximately another \$8 million in the general fund. So the county probably will spend between 40 and \$43 million this year in termination pay.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: 40 and 43?

MR. CHALMERS: Yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Of which ten, plus four plus eight and a half, which gets you up to about 22 is already out there already.

MR. CHALMERS: Yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So if I had to approximate, then, in essence, this is like \$13 million too high, what we're doing today.

MR. CHALMERS: Some bonding is going to

be needed. We are going to need to bond some money because what we have in reserves will probably not be sufficient.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I see. Thank you, Mr. Chalmers.

MR. CHALMERS: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Kopel.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: You don't get off that easy. How are you?

MR. CHALMERS: Very well, and yourself?

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Good. Good to see you here. I'm just trying to understand. Is it a fact then that if we approve this 35 million we're way over bonding for the money that we actually need or foreseeable need to use for this purpose of termination pay?

MR. CHALMERS: Some level of bonding will be needed.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Some level. But what I'm asking is -- I'm just following up on the minority leader's questions. If I understood correctly, there is quite a bit of money that's already been approved for termination pay, bonding for termination pay, has not been used

and is available?

MR. CHALMERS: Correct. There's approximately 10.2 million that could be used in the EBF fund for police termination.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Could it be used for anything else or is it strictly for that?

MR. CHALMERS: It's specifically for the police department.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So then, in your opinion, is there any reason to approve 35 million?

MR. CHALMERS: Part of the 35 I guess was an agreement that this body made with the executive.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: That's kind of not my question. My question is if -- let's say it's foreseeable that you'd need 43 and you've got whatever it is available -- 10 available?

MR. CHALMERS: Correct.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Could we safely subtract something from this? I'm just curious.

MR. CHALMERS: That would be an option, yes, to use the 10.2 and then bond the remaining.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Is there any downside

to doing it that way?

MR. CHALMERS: If you're using the reserve it never looks good for the rating agencies because you're going to a reserve fund and using that.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: But I'm talking about the money that was approved strictly for this, it's not reserve fund.

MR. CHALMERS: No. The 10.2 is sitting in a reserve fund.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Would you like to speak on this, Roseann?

MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. Roseann D'Alleva. I would just like to add to that. This also is bonding for CSEA members which we no longer have any bonding funds available. We've already expended this current year over \$7 million in termination costs.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What's that dollar amount, Roseanne?

MS. D'ALLEVA: We've expended over \$7 million just in CSEA.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And what would we

need now?

MS. D'ALLEVA: We need at least nine million.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority Leader.

MS. D'ALLEVA: And our estimations are all different. We listen to the police determinations that we get daily from Commissioner Krumpter, they might terminate as many as 200 officers this year. Just on a projection of 150, I feel just in the police department alone it will \$42 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I understand this correct, Ms. D'Alleva, this \$7 million that the county has spent today out of the operating budget?

MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes, that's correct.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So we haven't -- so basically I guess at some point we would be looking for NIFA to reimburse that through bonding or approve a bonding which would reimburse that.

MS. D'ALLEVA: We only have - we have bonding authority for approximately five million, but this would give us -- I'm sorry. We've

exhausted our bonding authority for most of the CSEA and this would give us additional bonding authority for the CSEA in addition to the PD.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: My question is in regards to the seven million that you said we expended already, that's currently I guess as of today, May 18 --

MS. D'ALLEVA: Current obligation, yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What I'm asking is would we be looking for NIFA to approve a bonding?

MS. D'ALLEVA: No. Once something's expended and we don't have authorization for it we can no longer go back to bond.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So we wouldn't go back to bond for that.

MS. D'ALLEVA: No. Out of the current obligation we have, the county is looking at paying about \$4 million out of operating, four to five million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is it safe to say -- so the entire term pay number, which includes PD, CSEA, what's that total number?

MS. D'ALLEVA: For 2015?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes.

MS. D'ALLEVA: It's a projected number.

I would say about -- I would say close to \$50 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So that number is 50 million.

MS. D'ALLEVA: In total I would say.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That includes CSEA --

MS. D'ALLEVA: Approximately. I could get you better numbers.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Approximate is fine.

That number is 50 million, that includes CSEA, PD, everybody that works for the county. Even some folks up here, Fran Becker.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Correct. We also have to remember we agreed with this body that we would pay some folks out of operating, some three pays out of operating are part of this as well. We went into 2015 with the understanding that we were going to pay some of the folks out of operating.

So the total number is 50, of which we've

paid out seven million already.

MS. D'ALLEVA: I actually would like to clarify that.

During the budget process we had thought that this body would approve the bonding for all VSIPS. But in the conclusion, there was an agreement with this body that we would pay some of operating and at that point it was too late in the game to change the adopted budget.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Gotcha. So we have 50 million, approximately, seven million of which has been paid out of the operating budget.

MS. D'ALLEVA: We have a lot more paid out -- yes, yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. So seven million has been paid out, maybe a little bit more, and then we have a bond proposal for us today of 35.2. So the difference between the 35.2 and the 43 is going to be made up through operating or the mechanisms that Mr. Chalmers mentioned, in terms of these --

MS. D'ALLEVA: A combination of both, yes. The reserve fund is for multiple years. It could be current year usage. It's a reserve.

2 If, possibly, we have surpluses, we'd like to add
3 more to reserve fund.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Keeping the
5 reserve -- because I understand the reserve is
6 important in regards to with the rating agencies.
7 I think Mr. Chalmers also -- we identified 8.5
8 that NIFA has not approved; are you aware of
9 that?

10 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why would NIFA
12 not approve any money for term pay? Did they
13 cite anything to you, to the best of your
14 knowledge? If they haven't, then that's fine
15 too.

16 MS. D'ALLEVA: No. I think in future if
17 we show the need that they will approve the
18 remaining 8.5.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry.

20 MS. D'ALLEVA: If we show the need they
21 will approve the remaining 8.5.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So, basically,
23 have we demonstrated the need? You guys are here
24 with us today, so I would think that --

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Naughton,

would you like to address?

MR. NAUGHTON: One of the reasons that NIFA has cited for not approving in the past is that their general feeling is that the county is able to fund it without borrowing, that is their preference. So because we did have surpluses in 2013 and 2014, they would not approve the additional financing. However, as partly demonstrated the need in '15, as you are well aware, with sales tax being below our estimate, we are showing signs that we do have a need to continue financing for this year. So I think that NIFA would probably approve something; what level, we won't know probably until later in the year.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When you say something, Mr. Naughton, you mean something in regards to the 8.5?

MR. NAUGHTON: Correct.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. It just seems to me a little bewildering that we would be supporting or voting on today 35.2 when NIFA hasn't even approved the 8.5. Wouldn't they approve the 8.5 get you guys rolling so you're

not paying out the seven million that we paid out in operating? Or even between that and the next couple of months, it just seems to me that we would want them to approve that first before this body would approve another 35.

MR. NAUGHTON: I think that the way that we're looking at it is that this year's budget and multi-year plan assumed this borrowing. And NIFA did approve the financial plan that includes the borrowing. I think that we're hopeful that they will approve it if this legislative body does that, but we won't know that until its approval.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Until this body approves it. I look at it a different way. I look at it where I think NIFA has to approve it first, approve the 8.5, that gets utilized, and then we see where we are. If we have to do 35, 32 or 25, we have a better snapshot later in the year.

MS. D'ALLEVA: I see your point. If the bonding authorization is not approved by this body we can't float the cash flow, in terms of the expenditures going out the door. Currently,

there is \$20 million of expenses for termination pays that has been covered, in terms of bond authorization that has been approved by this body. If this body does not approve this bonding authorization then we will not be able to front the expenditures for term pay for 2015.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you need that money all today? That's the point that I'm not grasping. The term pay is not all coming today, May 18, is it?

MR. NAUGHTON: What Ms. D'Alleva is trying to state is that until this legislative body approves a bond ordinance it's a hit on the operating budget. So any --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, Mr. Naughton, it's not. You have \$8.5 million that NIFA needs to approve.

MR. NAUGHTON: No. But anything going forward --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You mean after the 8.5 is spent?

MR. NAUGHTON: If 20 people leave the police department today and we have to make that payment, if there is no bond ordinance that is a

hit on the operating budget.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, no. Where is the --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I need to ask a question. Where would you have to cut in order to make that possible?

MR. NAUGHTON: We would clearly look at every possible discretionary expense that's available to us to make cuts. As you are well aware, we have already made a tremendous amount of cuts just to cover the speed camera program. So to have another hit on the operating budget, you're starting to look at things that could impact operations and that is something that no one wants.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: When you say discretionary funding, what are we talking about?

MR. NAUGHTON: I think we would look at -- you could look at various contracts or just regular OTPS spending. I don't want to be specific to put fear in anyone. Clearly there are items out there that were looked at before that we would probably have to look at again.

MS. D'ALLEVA: In addition --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Mr. Naughton, before I was interrupted -- just one second, Ms. D'Alleva. Before I was interrupted for whatever that was.

I just have to say that the bottom line is this legislature has gone down this path where if we choose not to support what the majority is looking to try to do in regards to bonding, then somehow, some way, in a subtle way we're threatening youth board programs, Long Island Bus, or whatever may be the case. I'm sorry, NICE Bus in this case. So from that standpoint, we are just trying to get to the exact number, whatever that number is. I don't have a clear understanding that \$35.2 million is warranted today, especially when I've heard the buckets from Independent Budget Review that are out there. What I would respectfully request is that we table the matter and basically devise a real number in the coming weeks for our June 1 meeting. Or if you want to come back sooner that's fine too.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Just to clarify. There is currently \$23.9 million of expenditures.

There is 19.3 that has already left out the door. There is \$4 million of pending PD alone officers that are terminating.

Just so we're clear on the buckets. We have 10.2 in EBF, and we have \$8 million left that's already been approved by this Legislature. So we only have \$18 million or so of funding available to fund \$23.3 million of known terminations in PD. Therefore --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Ms. D'Alleva -- I'm sorry. Go ahead.

MS. D'ALLEVA: anything above that, which is approximately \$5 million, is already a hit on the 2015 budget.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not disputing anything you just said. Actually, I appreciate you being very clear with that. What I'm saying is I don't believe the number is \$35.2 million that we need to do today and we can't do in September or at some later point.

MS. D'ALLEVA: And I appreciate that. But what I've just explained to you is that we do not have the funding to pay anything other than operating because we're already -- just for PD

alone we are already basically offsetting it with operating by about \$5 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So what's the number? Let's just get to the chase. What's the number? What's the real number?

MS. D'ALLEVA: Currently --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Because obviously it's not 35.2 million.

MS. D'ALLEVA: With the officers who are pending and resigned it's \$23.3 million just for the PD. What's available just for the PD in funding is approximately \$18 million. So we already have --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How many are on the books resigned today?

MS. D'ALLEVA: We have 77 resigned, 16 are pending, that totals \$23.3 million.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: \$250,000 average times 77 separations would be \$19,250,000. Does that sound about right? Or should we be using a different --

MS. D'ALLEVA: I can tell you what the actual is. It's 23.3. If we're thinking that 150 officers are going to be leaving, I guess you

would do the difference.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Again, Ms. D'Alleva, you don't need that today though, right?

MS. D'ALLEVA: We need the authorization today. We need the authorization.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What's leaving the county today that we know of is 77 not 150; correct? I don't disagree with you --

MS. D'ALLEVA: 77 plus 16. 77 plus 16.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: 77 plus 16, so we're saying 93. You just said 150.

MS. D'ALLEVA: We're anticipating --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes.

MS. D'ALLEVA: at minimum, at minimum, 150 leaving.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I totally get that. So when that anticipation comes closer to a reality then you can come back to this legislature and get the rest. I'm not disputing the fact that you may need it. You just don't need it today is my point. You don't need the full amount today, do you?

MR. NAUGHTON: From a business

standpoint and for planning, especially in terms of the county's cash flows, it's very beneficial if we have that knowledge today. The rating agencies are looking to us to say that we have commitments from this legislative body. They want to know that you are fully supporting our county plan. So if you were to approve it today that would send a strong message to everyone that we are working together as one body for the best of our citizens.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I understand. Okay. I don't have anything further, Madam Presiding Officer. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other comments? Deputy Presiding Officer Nicolello.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm sensing that the minority or at least the minority leader wants to do this piecemeal. I'm just trying to figure out what the benefit is. Do we -- if we come back to bond every month and figure out a number, throughout the year or every two months. I'm not sure what the benefit is piecemeal. Let me ask you this. It's obviously taken some time to get the eight million through NIFA. Is there

a detriment to going back to NIFA on a piecemeal basis? Are there delays involved? Is it going to hit our operating budget?

MR. NAUGHTON: Clearly, from my conversations with them, if we go to them with a small amount, they feel if it's a small amount then you should be able to cover that. A clear example of that was when we did worker's comp, when we asked for \$1 million they said it's a large enough number but it's too small of a number so you would be able to come away to accommodate that. So if we go back to them to say \$8.5 million, they will say we're looking at your financial reports, it looks like you should be able to absorb that. It's hard for us to get that approval. When we go to them with a package that makes sense or we come to them to say we need \$35 million, here's the projections, here's what the police department is expecting for the balance of the year and why, that's something that they can comprehend and buy into.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: There are also, as everything that goes through NIFA, delays built into the process. If we do it piecemeal

then each piece -- there will be delays engendered by each piece, correct?

MR. NAUGHTON: That is absolutely correct.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: And while those delays are pending there are potentially budget hits, your operating budget hits each time unless we have the sufficient authorization for bonding in place.

MR. NAUGHTON: Correct. And clearly I think the minority leader understands that we're not going to finance something unless we actually have an expense. It's not like we can use this money for something else.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Look. From my perspective, the administration is laying out their case on why they think we should do this in total at this time and their projections seems to bear out the fact that these monies will eventually be needed throughout the course of this year to pay out for the termination. The minority wants to do it piecemeal, apparently; I'm not speaking for them. If that is the case, I really don't understand what the benefit is and

what their rationale is. That's my position.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Allow me to clarify.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Abrahams.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you, Madam Presiding Officer.

If I may clarify. The county is in flux. Sales tax is down by the tune of \$30 million today, maybe more later. Everything is in flux. The bottom line is we would want to see how the county performs before we commit to \$35.2 million. I think it would make more fiscal sense to see how the county goes, give the administration exactly what it needs today, and then we'll proceed as the county goes forward with its finances, which are not that great.

So before we commit big dollar money, we want to make sure that we're getting the best benefit to it.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other comments?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; I'm going to ask for a roll call on this item. This is Item 3.

2 CLERK MULLER: Deputy Presiding Officer
3 Nicolello?

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Yes.

5 CLERK MULLER: Alternate Deputy
6 Presiding Officer Kopel?

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Yes.

8 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Nay.

10 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Solages?

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Nay.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford?

13 LEGISLATOR FORD: Yes.

14 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Curran?

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: No.

16 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Becker?

17 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Aye.

18 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Muscarella?

19 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Yes.

20 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Birnbaum?

21 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: No.

22 CLERK MULLER: Legislator DeRiggi-
23 Whitton?

24 LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: No.

25 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Yes.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Yes.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Yes.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: No.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Yes.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Mackenzie?

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Yes.

CLERK MULLER: Legislator Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Aye.

CLERK MULLER: Minority Leader Abrahams?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

CLERK MULLER: Presiding Officer

Gonsalves?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

The item fails 12 to 7.

We shall move on.

Next item is Item 45, Resolution 96, a resolution to authorize the transfer of appropriations heretofore made within the budget for the year 2015.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
Nicolello.

Any questions, comments regarding this
item?

(No verbal response.)

Any public comment? Legislature Curran.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you. I
understand that the administration put out a
request for proposals. Yes. Is there anyone
here to speak to the item from the
administration? No. Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: This is the
budget office and the comptroller. Connie, I
need someone either from the comptroller's office
or the budget office to speak on this item. It's
Item 45, the budget transfer within the 2015.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. This is Clerk Item
142-15?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes, it is.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Okay. So this is a board

transfer for personnel from the comptroller's office to the budget office. We have hired someone to be the compliance officer in the budget office. And so the funding, because the person was budgeted originally in the 2015 budget in the comptroller's office, the transfer was initiated. I don't know why the comptroller's office wasn't here to speak about it.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: As long as you're telling us what it's for. And if there are any other questions, we shall certainly address it to I guess the comptroller's office.

Yes, Legislator Curran.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you. So from what I understand, last year the administration put out a request for proposal - and I don't even know who would know about this - to work on compliance in the Office of Minority Affairs for MWBE compliance. And I'm wondering if this chief compliance officer will sort of substitute if we no longer need those vendors now, if we won't be seeking their business.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Actually, he's hit the ground running in his capacity, and he is working

diligently on our Title 6 program and aiding the Office of Minority Affairs in their effort for full compliance.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: And he, being Steve Labriola.

MS. D'ALLEVA: That is correct.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Okay. All right. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Solages.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I'm sorry. If this office were to be doing its job in the first place, then why do we need him?

MR. NAUGHTON: I think clearly the county recognizes that any chance we have to improve in compliance we want to. So the comptroller worked with us, they provided the funding, a person to handle that. We think this is a win-win situation.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But this is -- I'm sorry. How much? This money could have gone to youth services, mental health service. If the office were to be doing their job we wouldn't have the need for this.

MR. NAUGHTON: No, that's not an accurate way to depict it. The person was employed in the comptroller's office. They were serving a role as the chief deputy comptroller. We agreed that there was a better use for the person in working with the administration in compliance, outside of minority affairs. We're looking at everything the county does in terms of compliance.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes. But had the county been doing its job with compliance we wouldn't need to transfer this individual.

MR. NAUGHTON: The County has been doing its job. What we're saying is --

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Are you sure about that?

MR. NAUGHTON: Yes.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Based on the report from the Independent Budget Review, I don't see that.

MR. NAUGHTON: I don't think the report said that. I don't think the report said the county is not in compliance. I don't know what you're reading into the report.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: What are his qualifications to do this job? Can you please explain that?

MR. NAUGHTON: From his various experience with working with the town and working in Albany, we feel that he is well qualified. We're talking about a person who has a master's degree in policy. He's been working for the comptroller's office for the last two years reviewing contracts. The audit team reported to him. So he is more than qualified to handle compliance for Nassau County.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Excuse me, Madam Chair. I have a question.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you. Could you be a little more specific in exactly what his role is going to be in support of the Office of Minority Affairs, please?

MR. NAUGHTON: We didn't say his role is in supporting Office of Minority Affairs. It is any place in the county that needs to have compliance looked at. It's not just solely looking at Minority Affairs. It's also looking

how we do contracting and looking at all of the county's procedures.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Can you be specific to exactly what his role will be? It's stated here that he's currently working in the Office of Minority Affairs. Can you tell me specifically what he's working on right now?

MR. NAUGHTON: He's not working in the Office of Minority Affairs. He is assisting in compliance. He is paid for out of the Office of Management and Budget.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I understand that. It's my understanding that he's currently in the Office of Minority Affairs assisting in some capacity. And I would like to be a little more advised as to what exactly he's doing.

MR. NAUGHTON: Sure. We have been looking at the office to see areas where they can improve. So, for instance, if you looked at the website for minority affairs, it has been updated. We've included the Title 6 issues related to minority affairs. We've added a link to the purchasing department to make it easier for vendors to know what's happening in the

county and to do business with the county. So we think that --

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And that's a compliance role?

MR. NAUGHTON: Well, if the idea is to improve and make sure that people -- that the vendors are hitting their goals, yes, that is compliance. And I think the way we're looking at it is any time you can apply fresh eyes to a situation, chances are you can make improvements.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So the RFP that was issued before, last year some time, will this consultant also provide the same services? I don't think we got a clear answer to that before.

MR. NAUGHTON: I'm not aware of the RFP so I can't -- I don't know exactly what was laid out in it. But we will be evaluating what additional needs there are for the department. But right now we strongly feel that with Mr. Labriola's assistance every aspect of the county's business will be improved.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I guess we're questioning it because there was obviously an area of deficiency or need, and that's why the

RFP was created and set out last year. To this point, there has been no action on it. But now we're hearing that this particular person has been put into that department to do some kind of compliance work. The RFP was relative to compliance issues. So I'm just trying to tie the two together to see if the needs will be met by this person. I think that was Legislator Curran's question earlier and we don't feel like we're getting the answer to it.

MR. NAUGHTON: Again, I would say I have not read that RFP. The county is not pursuing that RFP right now. So I would not try to put a linkage between the two items.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Solages.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Mr. Naughton, before you said that there is no interest in compliance and I'm reading into the record.

Let me ask you a question. When was the last disparity study done by the county?

MR. NAUGHTON: It would have been probably roughly about ten years ago.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: What year was that

then?

MR. NAUGHTON: I'm not sure offhand.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: 2004.

MR. NAUGHTON: Okay.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Are you aware what the study at that point stated?

MR. NAUGHTON: I have a vague recollection from my days when I was in budget review. I haven't read the report --

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: How could you say that there is no issue with compliance if you can't even recall what the report said?

MR. NAUGHTON: The report is not a compliance issue. A disparity study and compliance are two separate issues.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But a disparity study does show that there is a lack of compliance.

MR. NAUGHTON: No. What a disparity study also shows is there opportunities out there for businesses and are we not meeting those things? For instance, when you take a look at Long Island the question becomes how many minority -- what is the percentage of minority

vendors and then you have to look at how much business does the county do? Without that study you can't make that statement. There may be --

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But that's why you need the study, wouldn't you say?

MR. NAUGHTON: But that's not compliance.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Would you acknowledge that in 2014 the countywide spending on contracts totaled over \$503 million but only 1.2 percent went to certified minority owned businesses; is that correct?

MR. NAUGHTON: If you have the report -- I don't have that report in front of me so I'm not going to say. I acknowledge whatever number that you're reading from.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And only 1.9 were awarded to certified women owned businesses, according to OLBR.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Excuse me just one moment, Carrie. Are we talking about the same item? I don't believe it is. If you believe it is, tell me how.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: It's related to the

item because it involves compliance issues.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on. It's not a compliance issue though. It's a transfer of monies to budget for this particular appointment.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: To address compliance.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: But that's not the issue. The issue here is to pay for the individual who is being put into this position. That's what the issue is. And I believe, is that the case, Mr. Naughton?

MR. NAUGHTON: Yes. Yes, Madam Presiding Officer, you are correct.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: But it's not just focusing on minority affairs. It's more exhaustive than that.

MR. NAUGHTON: With all due respect, Legislator, I think you're trying to link the two issues. The fact that we have the compliance officer trying to assist minority affairs is a good thing. And I don't know what the problem is, in terms of having that compliance person help out. What we're saying is you're reading

the report -- Mr. Labriola is not in charge of minority affairs. He's not the executive director for minority affairs. He is the county's compliance officer. The comptroller is providing funding for us to be able to pay for that. That is the issue before you today.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Curran.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: You may not know the answer to this right now, but I would be curious to know if this appointment voids the RFP that was put out last year for compliance.

MR. NAUGHTON: I'll be more than happy to get back to you on that issue.

LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you so much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority Leader Abrahams.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What's the status of the RFP?

MR. NAUGHTON: Again, I don't know. As far as I know, we're not pursuing it at this time.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You are not pursuing it at this time.

MR. NAUGHTON: I haven't seen it and we haven't been talking about it lately. As far as I know, we're not pursuing it at this time.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But it is, at this time, it's possible that Mr. Labriola can actually function in this role. I'm not too sure how the administration is seeing this. Are they seeing it that Mr. Labriola is going to be able to do the role? Which you gotta get back to us on. But, still, his position is before us today, or to be tied in with minority affairs, I should say.

MR. NAUGHTON: Again, since I have not seen the RFP and read the outline of what was covered in that, I'm not going to say that he is substituting in that capacity. I can state that as our compliance officer we have asked him to assist in improving the operations in minority affairs.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just think it might bode well, Mr. Naughton, who can speak to the RFP from the administration.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Why don't we do that the next time we meet? We can find out

what's in that RFP. And we can.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We should probably move to table.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm not moving to table. I will request a copy of that RFP. Wherever it is, we will need a copy of it to this body.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I make a motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I can't move the question.

Is there a motion to table?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes. Motion to table.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Is there a second?

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: I'll second it.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Solages moved to table and Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton seconded that.

All those in favor of tabling this item signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

The motion to table fails.

I have an individual who has given me a slip on this item. Mr. Mendez.

MR. MENDEZ: Thank you. Luis Mendez, 36 Harth Lane, Westbury, New York.

Although I respect Mr. Ed Naughton, and he used to be a colleague of mine, I am an MWBE expert, that's what I do for a living. So I want to make a statement first and I want to get to the core of this issue.

Earlier today, and I've been here for five hours, Legislator Rhoads said that he was here to fight for equality and he was here for the opportunity, for an equal opportunity for all the residents of Nassau County. I congratulate you and I wish you good luck on that.

Two weeks ago I came before you concerned about the county's MWBE program and to complain about how the Committee on Minority Affairs has not had a hearing on any items for a long time. Legislator Rhoads, I believe that and I understand that you are the chair of the Minority

Affairs Committee.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That is correct.

MS. MENDEZ: So, please, take that challenge on. It's been a long time since a Minority Affairs hearing has taken place in the Minority Affairs Committee. And it is important. And it is part of the Charter mandate for the Office of Minority Affairs.

Legislator Dunne, who is my legislator by the way, very proud of him, he also said he would work. He immediately recognized his Latino heritage and stated that his district is very diverse, and it is, by the way. Forty-two languages in his district. He was willing to ensure working to achieve and secure a clearer understanding of the MWBE program, which I appreciated that comment. I said it emphatically.

Legislator Solages then introduced for public record a report generated by a request to the Office of Legislative Budget Review by Legislator Curran. I have read that report, and I am deeply concerned about its alarming findings, which probably requires -- actually not

probably -- definitely requires an in-depth look at the compliance process in the Office of Minority Affairs. Hopefully by now you've all had the opportunity to read that report, and I would like to know if that is the case.

To my point pertaining what's in front of you today, which is Item 45. There is over \$350 million that have been approved by this body and have been given out through contracts by the administration. What is the MWBE participation status on that money? And that is Sandy money, by the way. Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3 is actually going out.

I have a question; shouldn't there be a hearing pertaining to this transfer in the Minority Affairs Committee? There should be a hearing about this if it impacts the Minority Affairs Office.

Finally, regarding the appointment of the Mr. Labriola, who I don't know, and I'm sure the administration found him to be very qualified. But I want to give you the parameters of qualification as far as MWBE compliance and MWBE process.

The minimal experience needed is someone needs to oversee and understand the rules of MWBE, both federal, state, and local. It also needs to understand and have experience on compliance, including outreach compliance, utilization plan submittal, and approval of that same utilization plan. MWBE certification, both local and state, currently, Nassau County is not recognized by any state jurisdiction pertaining to our certification process. Therefore, we might not be able to qualify on mandates from the state or the federal. Therefore, we might be impacting our own reimbursement process. Finally, most importantly to me, is does the person have the affinity and sensitivity to understand the needs and challenges of the protected categories. I think that's important for Legislator Dunne, for Legislator Rhoads, and for all the minority legislators that are sitting in the Minority Affairs Committee. I believe Legislator Walker is part of that process. I beg you to please take a look at this deeply.

They are not experts on this. We are. I'm a minority guy. I look Latino every day.

Therefore, it impacts me on a daily basis. I can't change that even if I change my last name.

I beg you to please take this seriously. That report, in addition to this move, tells you that something is up. This body is ultimately the responsible body for that, for my opportunity and the opportunities of those who look like me and those who look like many of you.

Thank you very much.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you very much.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Yes. Presiding Officer.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'd like to move on, please.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Presiding Officer. May we please have Mr. Labriola come here to discuss if he's --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Right now, no. Right now, no.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Is he available? Is he in the building?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: This is not about his qualifications.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So we should not fund this position unless he can show us --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's your choice.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: that he meets these qualifications.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going to ask --

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: That's our choice. We're all here together. That's our choice.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I am going to call the question.

I'm sorry, Ms. Meriday.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: We don't even have a resume. Presiding Officer, let's have some diligence here, please.

MS. MERIDAY: Meta J. Meriday, 758 Wesley Street in Baldwin. And yes, it does pertain to this issue. I think it pretty much is the same issue.

As Mr. Mendez previously -- and I, too, am experienced in compliance. My issue incorporates not just minority and women but also veterans, local businesses, LGBT community. We

don't know specifically the requirements -- my question, first of all, would be who, in fact, is this gentleman related to? We've asked questions about contractors and what relationships they have and who has lobbied for them. Who in the administration is this person related to? Is he related to a contractor? Is he related to a high executive employee of this County? These are the questions that we need to know. Basically, what affiliation study does he have? What training does he have? Is he a part of the supply management organizations? Does he know anything about supply chain? What does he know about diversity and inclusion and the rules pertaining to that? It's not just about Title 6. It's not just about minorities and women. If he doesn't understand that you are opening yourselves and, more important, you are opening us, the taxpayers, to additional lawsuits for those of us who are in the community who do understand the importance of compliance and they know exactly what it means, particularly when we're dealing with federal and state funding. So if you want another set of lawsuits, I know we pay a lot of

attorneys a lot of money. But if we started looking at things proactively as opposed to reactively, we could save the taxpayers a lot of money and, as the gentleman previously said, the four plus five hours that it takes here.

If you're doing the work beforehand, as you keep saying that you review all of this before it comes to the table, we wouldn't have this issue. But clearly the work is not being done behind the scenes, so the time needs to be taken now for our voices to be heard and for the information to be clear. And if it's not clear, why not table it? Why not table it?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm not going to comment on that Carrie. It has nothing to do with his resume. It's a budget transfer.

Thank you, Ms. Meriday.

There being no other discussion, all those in favor of Item 45, Resolution 50-96 indicate by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

The item passes 13 to 6.

Now I'm going to ask for a brief recess;
I believe that was requested because we have some
emergency items. Has it been requested?

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Presiding
Officer, these emergencies came to us I believe
this morning or during this meeting. We haven't
had a chance to discuss them with the caucus. We
just wanted to take five minutes to do so.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You have -- hold
on. It's now about 4:15. About 4:20 or 4:30 the
latest. Okay.

(Whereupon, the Full Legislature recessed
at 4:12 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Full Legislature
reconvened at 4:39 p.m.)

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Those of you
still here, we have three emergencies that have
been sent down to us by the county executive.

I call for a motion to establish the
emergencies, the three emergencies, then call
each item separately. We will do one at a time.

I need a motion to establish the
emergency.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Rhoads.
For Item 171, which is Resolution 171, and it has
to do with requesting the Legislature of the
State of New York to enact and the governor to
approve a Local Law amending Title 24 of the
Miscellaneous Laws of Nassau County, in relation
to extending the Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax.

Motion to establish the emergency,
please?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

All those in favor of establishing the
emergency signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The emergency is established.

The first item is Item 171, a resolution
requesting the Legislature of the State of New
York to enact and the governor to approve a local

2 law amending Title 24 of the Miscellaneous Laws
3 of Nassau County in relation to extending the
4 Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
9 Kopel.

10 Any questions or comments regarding that?
11 Yes. Legislator Birnbaum.

12 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I just wanted to
13 make sure. Is this just amending it exactly the
14 way it was or is it adding any additional fees?

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're talking
16 about the Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax?

17 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Yes. I was
18 reading some of the attachments. It's with
19 service fees for TPVA, fees for police accident
20 reports. Is it exactly the way it was?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: According to the
22 counsel, it's not an extension of fees, it's an
23 extension of time.

24 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Just the time
25 period. But everything remains exactly as is.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other questions regarding this? Yes. Minority Leader Abrahams.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I want to make sure I understand Section 2 of the back that we received. It talks about a \$10 fee for searching for and copying police accident reports. Section 2, summary of provisions, in the bill number that we're talking about, it talks about authorizing Nassau County to impose a \$10 fee for searching for the copying of police accident reports. I don't know if we're all aware of that. The motorists are charged that, I guess. We've always had that fee?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I believe it was always in there. The only think, like I said, it's the extension of time. I will tell you right now, it looks like it's just the extension of the date to 2017.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: But can't someone just confirm it from the administration? I don't understand.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I can just sort of, from my own experience in my other line of work, yes, there is a \$10 fee for accident reports. It already exists.

MR. PODLIASEK: Hi. I'm Gerald Podliasek. I'm a deputy --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know. Go ahead. Tell us for the record.

MR. PODLIASEK: Okay. For the record, the \$10 fee was in the original version and has been for all these years. There's been about six or eight two year extensions on this. I'm thinking that it's sometime in the 90's, '90, '92.

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: And every other fee listed here is exactly the same. It's just extending the date. There is no additional fee?

MR. PODLIASEK: Exactly so. Nothing has changed. It's just an extension of the date for two years. Every two years we do it.

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Okay. Thank you.

MR. PODLIASEK: Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those in favor of Item 171 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

Now I guess I have to establish another emergency.

I need an emergency resolution for Item 207. Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Becker.

All those in favor of establishing the emergency --

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Madam -- not to cut you off. But we are uncertain -- we feel that we think we know what this is but until we get clarification --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He's here. Mr. Podliasek I think was going to talk about it.

First of all, let's do the emergency.

Hold on.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just want to hear to make sure it is what it is before we do it.

Let's move to 208, emergency. A motion to establish the emergency for 208. Hello?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.

All those in favor of establishing the emergency signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

I can't say it's unanimous now. It's 18 to 1.

Now that the emergency has been established, here's the item. Hopefully somebody is here to talk about it.

Item 208, a resolution requesting the Legislature of the State of New York to enact and the governor to approve an act to amend the Tax Law, in relation to extending the authority of

the County of Nassau to impose additional sales and compensating use taxes, and extending local government assistance programs in Nassau County.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator Walker.

Any questions?

(No verbal response.)

Any comments?

(No verbal response.)

Is anybody here to talk about this item?

Mr. Podliasek.

MR. PODLIASEK: We have very little information on this. This is an originally a 1970 act. It's been reintroduced.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Roseanne D'Alleva is here. She'll talk about it.

MS. D'ALLEVA: I don't have the item before me. What's the item?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 208-15, the sales tax.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Sales tax extender?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. This item is before you. I'm sorry. I thought this was before you many months ago. It's an every other year sales tax extender so that we can pass along sales tax as a local government assistance. Is this hotel/motel extender? The value of the sales tax extender --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on. We're on Item 208, the sales tax extender. Roseanne.

MS. D'ALLEVA: The value of the extender is approximately 330-some-odd million dollars, I believe.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Roseanne, what exactly is the bottom line with this item?

MR. PODLIASEK: This particular item is the Assembly version of the bill.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Right.

MR. PODLIASEK: You've already passed the senatorial version of this bill.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.

MR. PODLIASEK: This is so that there are two acts pending, that they can both be advanced should that be necessary in the session.

It's a formality. The senatorial bill

has already been approved. This will be the assembly bill.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. Do you have any questions now? This is just to send a home rule message to the assembly.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: This is for the state and senate to both have comparable bills that are going to be now negotiated, no? Okay.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Kopel.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: The way I understand it is that the two bills are substantially identical except for the fact that there is one assemblyperson who is insisting on giving some preferential transfers out of the money, essentially as ransom for the bill, to two villages. Am I correct about that? Are they identical otherwise?

MR. PODLIASEK: I can't comment on the characterization.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Well, don't comment on the characterization, just on the difference between the two bills.

MR. PODLIASEK: You are essentially correct, Legislator.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you. That's all I needed to know.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Anybody else?

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Yeah.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator Birnbaum.

LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: So there are two villages that would be receiving additional funding from this version, correct?

MR. PODLIASEK: It so states in the copy of the bill that was filed, yes.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other questions of Mr. Podliasek and Roseanne?

(No verbal response.)

Any other comments?

(No verbal response.)

There being none; all those in favor of Item 208 signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(Nay.)

18 to 1.

Now I don't know if anybody has arrived to discuss 207 before I even think of

establishing another emergency. Is anybody here to speak about 207? This is Point Lookout. Connie, is anybody here to talk about Point Lookout for the fire department?

MR. PODLIASEK: The information I have on it is rather limited. It involves the Point Lookout and Long Beach School Districts. It's a long established pilot program that goes back to 1970. It has a provision in it that requires it to be re-upped every five years.

The legislation was filed both in the Assembly and in the Senate. There is a necessity for a home rule message in order for it to be passed.

I understand that the sum of money is not an excessive amount. I've heard that it's between five and \$8,000; I cannot confirm that.

It originally apparently stems from the removal of Nickerson Beach from the tax rolls, and this is to compensate those jurisdictions.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I did not establish the emergency for this item. So here we go. Since we have some information, I need a motion to establish the emergency.

LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
Nicolello.

All those in favor of establishing the
emergency signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The emergency is established.

Now for the item, 207, which is a
resolution requesting the Legislature of the
State of New York to enact and the governor to
approve an act to amend Chapter 847 of the Laws
of 1970, amending the County Law relating to
payment in lieu of taxes for property acquired
for park or recreational purposes, in relation to
extending the term of effectiveness of such
Chapter.

That's what you were talking about, that
this is an extension of the term for this pilot
program.

LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion by
Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator Rhoads.

Any questions of Mr. Podliasek regarding
this? Denise.

LEGISLATOR FORD: This actually is -- I
think this item is for the fire department, the
Point Lookout Fire Department, this particular
one. It's about \$5100, \$5300. It's because the
Point Lookout Fire Department has a certain
number of residents that pay taxes. But when the
summer comes, the spring and the summer comes,
they respond to calls throughout the whole
geographic area, which includes many beach clubs
and some of them are Town of Hempstead, which
pays a separate pilot. But we have Nickerson
Beach. Because they take care of all the
hundreds, if not thousands of people that go
there, it's a non-taxable entity. The county,
from what I understand, many, many years ago said
that we would give them some money toward the
operation of fire services and emergency services
in that area. That's basically what this is.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And it's another

home rule message.

Any other questions from anyone?

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: How much is it again? I'm sorry.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's about \$8,000.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Maybe about 5,000.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: We're sure about that, right?

LEGISLATOR FORD: Yeah. Trust me on this one. It's not an exorbitant amount of money. It's rather small. They will get funding, payments also for their beach/parks.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: Can we just go on the record, like, I'm sure all of us agree, that with these emergencies it's so hard. I'm sure you're going to agree with me too. We need better backup with these emergencies.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Without a doubt. I saw it. I never thought to question it to look for the backup because -- you know how you know something in your district. And I'm just as upset that there is no backup. There is nothing concrete that we can actually say that this is

what it's about.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: And it's not that we have an issue with any of the items. It's just that we don't have the information necessary.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Fair enough. And I thank you very much for even entertaining it and allowing this to go through.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It's my understanding, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton, that it's under \$8,000.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: It just would be good just to have what it's for and how much it is.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know.

LEGISLATOR DeRIGGI-WHITTON: That's all that I'm asking for.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have to say the feeling is mutual. Thank you very much.

Thank you, Mr. Podliasek.

There being no other comments, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

The item passes unanimously.

I can't adjourn. The reason why I cannot adjourn, and I will only entertain those slips that did not have the opportunity to speak to me before. I believe we have Domenica Califano. Is she still here? I said I would come back to you. And then Pat Ambrosia as well. And I have one more after that and then that's it.

MS. CALIFANO: Hello. I'd like to just put it on the record to Presiding Officer Gonsalves. I'd just want you to be aware of the foreman of VIP Waterways was out on partial disability and worked for 60 hours. I also have another question.

VIP Splash, Operation Splash Waterways had a five year contract and they received \$12 million from the county. They were paid less than two years in the five year contract that they had. Is that contract still opened?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The only thing I can say to you Domenica, I will find out if it is.

MS. CALIFANO: I've been coming here

since last year asking for this. You also asked me to speak to Mr. May, which I did. I also spoke this woman over here that you asked me to. As of today, I have not received any of my information, with e-mails, of the payouts from FEMA from the County. I got a ditto that anyone could type up in a computer.

It's most of us taxpayers' money that was given to this company.

MS. PETRUCCI: Good afternoon. All correspondence has been forwarded to the county attorney's office. I believe that they are also communicating with the comptroller's office in order to get all of this information that is requested.

MS. CALIFANO: There is a time period of the FOIL requests. I have called the attorney's office that she asked me to call up and the comptroller's office. There is a time period; it's 20 days of business. It is since April 9 I spoke to him and I have not received anything. He told me that if I wanted further information, I would have to come in front of you.

I am here today to ask for this

information as a taxpayer. There was \$12 million paid to this company.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Podliasek, I don't want to put you on the spot. She's asking for this information. Hopefully you're going to get it to her.

MR. PODLIASEK: Yes, that is the plan. But unfortunately there is a vast amount of information, some of it not relevant, some of it privileged, and some not discloseable by FOIL. What has to happen is someone has to physically go through all of that information and make the determination as to what can be released. Now the problem is that why you say there is a 20-day time period, you should have received, I'm well aware of what the law says. But you should have received some information from someone in the process telling you an approximate amount of time that it will take. Then I apologize. But I will tell you that it's probably go to be a matter of months because this is not -- actually, if we can't do it in 20 days then the only thing you can do is an Article 78, which will take you several years. So you can either wait the few

2 months that it will take us to get this to you or
3 you can go to law. That's your choice.

4 MS. CALIFANO: What kind of FOIL request
5 do you need for me to get all the information
6 that I need, that taxpayers' money that was
7 granted to a contract --

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Domenica, why
9 don't you speak with Mr. Podliasek, okay, and get
10 the information you need. Go ahead. He'll tell
11 you what you need. Go.

12 MR. PODLIASEK: My pleasure.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're better off
14 doing that.

15 MS. CALIFANO: There's one other thing
16 here. With the Department of Social Services,
17 Ms. Ford helped me last time, they're playing
18 games again. I received all the checks that they
19 stopped payment. Now they stopped payment again.
20 I keep calling them. I spoke to Mrs. Ford's
21 office. The secretary there gave me a
22 supervisor's name. They have stopped payment to
23 the landlord again for March, April, May. No one
24 gets back to me. This is insanity. How do
25 tenants live in someone's house and not get

checks and then I have to keep going through this, Ms. Ford. It's not fair to the homeowner or to anyone.

When I came here and spoke to you and your office, they ended up sending me eight months of back rent that they owed. Ever since I came speaking out here, it seems like they decided to stop paying rent to us. I'm not sure what it is, what they're doing or what they're not doing, but this is not fair for a tenant to be in someone's house. I'm getting a runaround with the Department of Social Services. That's why a lot of these tenants in Nassau County, homeowners will not take welfare checks from them because this is what happens with them.

I don't know where to go with it. I can't tell the landlord to start eviction because it's not on the tenant's end, it's on the Department of Social Service's.

LEGISLATOR FORD: It's an apartment. Somebody is renting an apartment and they need to have the payments made, is that what you're talking about?

MS. CALIFANO: It was made to the

landlord. When I came here, your office took care of it. It was made to the landlord. For some reason, Social Services decided to stop it, since I've been seeking out here to the county meeting.

LEGISLATOR FORD: You could --

MS. CALIFANO: I'm not sure if it was Al D'Amato's daughter that works for the Department of Social Services --

LEGISLATOR FORD: No.

MS. CALIFANO: It's not that. We won't go that way.

I want it put on record. It has to stop. It's not fair to the homeowner.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Call my office tomorrow.

I just want to let you know that even when we deal with Social Services, we could go and advocate but they are restricted under Federal Law. They can't give me a lot of information. They can't tell me reasons why they're doing anything because it's a violation of somebody's privacy. If there is a problem, I don't know. I'm just surmising.

For example, if there is a problem with the tenant, I'm just saying --

MS. CALIFANO: There was not a problem.

LEGISLATOR FORD: No, no. I'm just saying.

MS. CALIFANO: Can I just say something, Ms. Ford? I understand about the Privacy Act with them. The landlord signed a letter to let them know that they are able to -- the tenant signed a letter for the landlord to speak to them on their behalf, and that's when they released all the checks. Now, all of a sudden, they got all the checks and it all started again. Please, someone has to help us.

LEGISLATOR FORD: I would recommend that the landlord call my office.

MS. CALIFANO: I represent the landlord. I'm an agent for the landlord.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. With the letter from the tenant. Call my office and we will call over to the housing department again and we will see what it is.

They can't always tell me why, if they could do it or can't do it. They can say it

2 can't be done, but they can't tell me a lot of
3 times why it can't be done. I'm not privy to
4 that. Okay?

5 MS. CALIFANO: Okay.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: Personally, I don't
7 want to be in other people's business, private
8 business.

9 MS. CALIFANO: Well it's not private
10 business. It's about someone not getting their
11 rent paid to a landlord.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: We will advocate. We
13 will advocate the best that we can. I
14 understand. A lot of times people are on Section
15 8 or whatever. If they're not getting the money
16 that they're supposed to be getting, they find
17 these apartments that are very hard to come by
18 and they want to stay there if they like it. So
19 I understand that.

20 MS. CALIFANO: And I know your office
21 helped several other tenants. I gave them your
22 number. I told them don't use my name, just call
23 up and see.

24 I have to thank you.

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: You can still use your

name.

MS. CALIFANO: I'd rather not sometimes.
It's just better off.

I gotta say thank you so much. It was
five other tenants that their Section 8 and
Social Services checks were being messed around
with. Your office did get involved and did help
them. And I want to thank you. But please help
me.

LEGISLATOR FORD: You're welcome. We
will.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I don't know if
Pat wants to speak. Then I have Mr. Boitel and
then that's it.

MS. AMBROSIA: Hello. My question is
about the VIP Splash, VIP Waterways, Operation
Splash, whatever name they're under. Their last
payment I believe was in April. Why would it
take months before you would receive information
on a FOIL of that?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Podliasek is
here. Why don't you sit and talk with him? I
asked Domenica to do the same thing. If there is
something that they need to find out through the

county attorney's office, let them do it. I can't give you the answers here. Or just simply give us your questions and then we will follow up.

MS. AMBROSIA: It was also for --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Did you hear me, Pat?

MS. AMBROSIA: the way that the process --

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Did you hear me?

MS. AMBROSIA: I did hear you.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.

MS. AMBROSIA: But I want it on record that this is an ongoing situation.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Fine. I don't want to put you off. I'm trying to get you to the right people so you can get answers, and you're not going to get them from us. Okay. So we have to get those questions to --

MS. AMBROSIO: Again, this has to do with contracts, contracts. Legislation is passing.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead, Pat. Say your questions so that they're on the record

and you can submit them to us in writing.

MS. AMBROSIO: I'm going to speak to him, and then I'll be back at the next meeting because I'm going to start speaking about Splash because this is out of control.

Anyway. I would first like to thank Denise Ford. Our lights are up and running on Austin Boulevard. It's a long time waiting. But all is good. Thank you.

In front of Dunkin' Donuts in Island Park, the Town of Hempstead put up signs for no parking in front of Dunkin' Donuts because of their drive-thru and accidents that have occurred there. I have spoke to the Fourth Precinct. We have spoke to the Fourth at Anthony Santino's meetings. We have asked for somebody to please put that on watch because every single day cars are parked there, accidents are happening. In front of Dunkin' Donuts.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Even though it says no parking?

MS. AMBROSIA: Nobody gets tickets.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. Maybe what they should do is instead of no parking, they should

put no standing so we know that the cars
shouldn't be there.

You know over by Ruby Tuesdays, I think
there's no parking and no standing at that point
because that was also a problem where we had a
lot of accidents due to cars coming around the
curve.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. We have
the exact location.

LEGISLATOR FORD: But I will report that
to Inspector Berry. I know exactly what she's
talking about.

MS. AMBROSIO: Should I call Anthony
Santino's office about an additional sign for no
standing?

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. Signage is
the Town of Hempstead.

MS. AMBROSIO: Okay. And garbage cans on
Austin Boulevard. We had them before Sandy.
They left with Sandy. The civic association has
been dealing with Anthony Santino. But I when I
spoke to Linda Reid last, she said it's really a
county issue.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just a minute.

2 If they were placed there by the town, then it's
3 a town issue.

4 MS. AMBROSIO: I don't know who put the
5 last ones there.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Why don't you
7 start with the Department of Sanitation in the
8 town?

9 MS. AMBROSIO: It's a county road.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Even if it's a
11 county road, the town is responsible.

12 MS. AMBROSIO: No. The Town of
13 Hempstead tells me it's a county road that abuts
14 the sidewalks, so it's a county issue.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: But any signage
16 that has to be imposed is town.

17 MS. AMBROSIO: Okay. I'm over that and
18 now I'm speaking about the garbage cans.

19 LEGISLATOR FORD: I will look into that.
20 Counsel told me that we could look into that. So
21 if we can, we will put garbage cans there and we
22 will make sure that the sanitation district knows
23 so that they know to pick it up to reduce the
24 garbage that gets blown all over.

25 MS. AMBROSIO: Starbucks. Dunkin'

Donuts. Very bad.

LEGISLATOR FORD: I know.

MS. AMBROSIO: And if you could just sum me up real quick on the Long Beach Motor Inn.

We saw the article. We're very happy to hear that. But what does that mean?

LEGISLATOR FORD: What happens now is that, and I don't want to jinx this because we're getting that close. So what it means is that they'll go into court and the judge then will sign the order allowing them to transfer the property to Nassau County.

MS. AMBROSIO: I thought that in the paper it was already done.

LEGISLATOR FORD: No. You have to post it first. I'm not a real estate lawyer. It has to be posted for a certain amount of days. Then we go in. God willing it will be signed almost immediately.

MS. AMBROSIO: And then I'll talk to you that after that happens. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR FORD: You're welcome.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know there are some people here for today's special

presentation. Can you raise your hands, those of you who have come here for the special presentation? I'm going to ask Nick, where are you Nick, Nick is going to ask you to come up this way, go out here, and go upstairs. We're going to the ceremonial chamber. Anybody from the legislature, excuse me. These young people are going up there now.

I have one more. I'm sorry, Ms. Meriday. I've got Mr. Boitel. You're going to think this is mean on my part. But we've been here too, a long time, and I have another engagement upstairs. I can't keep putting it down. If you want, I'll keep these people here and they'll listen to you. It's not your turn. It's Mr. Boitel.

MS. MERIDAY: This is public comment.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes, it is. Let's hear Mr. Boitel. Hold on. Would you please go, Mr. Boitel? It's your turn. My goodness. If you want to speak after that, I have to go upstairs.

Mr. Boitel, I'm sorry.

MR. BOITEL: Good afternoon. Thank you

for hearing me at this late hour. My name is Henry Boitel. I'm from Rockville Centre. I'm with now an organization that's in formation called Nicer Nassau. The objectives of this organization, one of the objectives of this organization are to provide volunteers to give support and advice to this legislature. And today I am going to present the legislation with a proposed resolution.

During the past month or so, we've heard a lot about the adequacy of material that is provided to this legislature in making decisions about contracts. Just today, we heard a lot about the adequacy or we heard some protests about the adequacy of material relating to appointments, discretionary appointments. What we are proposing is that more precise standards be set with regard to what is provided to this body and what is audited with respect to what is provided to this body, and what is made public that is provided to this body, with regard to contracts that are voted upon by this body and with regard to discretionary or patronage appointments that are approved by this body or

authorized by this body.

If I may, I have 19 copies here of a draft resolution. I wouldn't kid myself and think what is in this resolution is something that you're going to pass as is. But in substance, what it is is talking points. It's the opportunity.

All of you, I have no doubt, are people of good will who want to do the right thing. But time and the times sometimes make it difficult to get to the point of having an objective discussion about these things. So from time to time, we are going to be proposing to you resolutions which bring those things up. Now, of course, we can't put in on the calendar, only you can. But we think that there ought be more substantive discussion.

So, if I may, I have 19 copies and one to be filed with the clerk's office that I would like to submit.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going to ask, because I need to leave. I'm going to ask for a motion to adjourn, so I can go to the next order of business.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
Legislator Becker.

A second, please?

All those in favor of adjourning? And
we're not shutting you down, the rest will stay
and listen to you. I need to go to my next stop.

MS. MERIDAY: That's fine. Whoever
wants to leave, because it does have to do with
the police department. But if you don't want to
stay here for that. Because I'm try to offer
solutions to the county to help our police
department as the chief from the PBA spoke
earlier.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those in
favor of adjourning signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Okay.

(Whereupon, the Full Legislature
adjourned at 5:20 p.m.)

MS. MERIDAY: So whoever else wants to

leave, feel free to do so.

CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ms. Meriday, he has it on record.

MS. MERIDAY: It has to do with the lack of consistency and outreach within this county to address the issues that our police department is facing. Most of you may not even know that there is a task force on 21st Century policing. But since most of what Nassau County operates on, even though our taxes are the highest in the country, is more like 19th Century.

There are grants that are out there. There are issues that are out there providing with funding and resources that New York, as a state, and Nassau County in particular, are not even a part of. But we are being taxed to death. Our police department is being strained to the limit, but we consistently put our heads in the sand until there is a tragedy.

The question was asked over five hours ago, where are the POP units that were requested, that were promised to be returned to us months ago? The question is still out there. We are now in May. We were told that those POP units

were going to be returned in October.

So again, if anybody is interested, if anybody cares, they can look up the task force on 21st Century policing. They talk about community policing grants. They talk about bodywork camera initiatives. There is a \$20 million initiative that was launched just the other day by the president, who went to Camden, New Jersey. He's also been to New Haven, Connecticut. I've yet to see a major initiative that's being launched out of this area.

We pay the largest taxes in the country, but we do not have the representation of the funding, because Long Island is not viewed as a region. We have too much territorialism, it's either Nassau County, Suffolk County, so we don't get the funding from the state and we don't get the funding from the federal government and the taxpayers are suffering. All these other grants I keep hearing about, it's talking about increasing and taxing. Increasing in cost. We have to pay these same fees to get into the same parks to pay for the same debt. So guess what? It's still coming out of our pocket.

So all the rest of you can adjourn. You can do your photo-ops. You can do anything else that you need to do to keep yourselves in those positions. But remember, the taxpayers are hurting and they are now leaving this county in droves.

I have a nephew who is in his third year of engineering. He is trying to find a job when he comes home for the summer.

I just came back from the graduation of my godchild who got her master's degree in biomedical sciences from Georgetown. She can't find a job here. But we're putting thousands of dollars into crime prevention, anti-gang this, assault rifle that. What are we doing for the students who are busting their hump, based upon the work and efforts that their parents are making to try to keep them, to get them along the right path and they cannot come here to work. They can't come here to live.

Again, where are the POP cops? What are we doing to support our students? And, most importantly as it pertains to me, our veterans are dying on the vine. So all of you can wear

2 your lapel pins. You can support the parades.
3 You can host your pancake breakfasts. That is
4 not stopping the close to 20 veterans who are
5 committing suicides or attempting to commit
6 suicide every day. Every day. We're not giving
7 them contracts. We're not giving them jobs.
8 Somebody's got to answer to that.

9 CLERK MULLER: Your three minutes have
10 expired.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you.
12 That's a wrap, folks.

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
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